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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Dr. I. H. Wight was in Portland last week.

Mrs. Frank Flint was in Portland, recently.

Mr. H. W. Boyker was in South Paris, Tuesday.

Workmen have begun repairing the Walker residence.

Mr. Edward Stanley of Berlin, N. H., was in town, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bennett have moved to West Bethel.

Dr. and Mrs. Palmer of Brunswick are guests at Maple Inn.

Mrs. Clarence Hobbs is the guest of her sisters, the Misses Twitcheell.

Sheriff Davis was a business visitor in South Paris the first of the week.

Mr. H. Alton Bacon of Bryant's Pond was in town on business, Thursday.

Mr. Stanley Wheeler of South Paris was in town on business last week.

Mr. Stuart W. Goodwin of Norway was a business visitor in town, Monday.

Mrs. Nahum Moore and daughter, Barbara, returned home Sunday from Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wight of Gilead were guests Monday of A. M. Morrill and family.

Mr. E. H. Paine of Portland was the week end guest at the home of Dr. I. H. Wight and family.

Hon. H. H. Hastings, Esq., and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mrs. Annie Holt and two children of Norway spent the week end with Mrs. L. W. Ramsell and family.

Miss Helen Staples, who has been staying at Mrs. Scott Robertson's, has returned to her home in Hanover.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and daughter, Vivian, were in Gorham, N. H., Monday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wight.

Mr. Olin Swan and family, who have been occupying Mrs. Carrie Arno's house, have returned to Massachusetts.

Mr. Millard Clough and aunt, Miss Vera Holt, were in North Paris, Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Addison Abbott.

Mrs. Greenleaf and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, spent Thursday with Mr. Stevens' nephew and family, Mr. Carey Stevens.

Mrs. Walter Ring and two children of West Paris, who came to visit Mrs. Ring's parents, will remain awhile as the baby is ill.

Mrs. E. C. Park went to Portland, Friday, to meet her daughter, Muriel, who has returned from Smith College for her spring vacation.

Mrs. W. R. Chapman returned to New York, Monday, after spending a week at her home in town.

Master Richard Holt entertained eight of his friends in honor of his ninth birthday, Saturday, March 12. After an hour of games, refreshments of ice cream, cake and fancy crackers were served. Those present were: Theodore James, Betty Brown, Edward Poole, Leona Brown, Bettina Sawyer, Herbert Howe, Earlon Wheeler, Margaret Carter.

The following was taken from a Havercill, Mass., paper, and will be of interest to the many friends of Miss Mary Deegan who is a graduate of Gould's Academy, and was a successful teacher in the schools of Bethel, Greenwood and Newry:

A surprise miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Miss Vera L. Nibbett, 23 Elmwood avenue, Bradford, Monday evening, for Miss Mary Deegan. Decorations of pinks and ferns were arranged in the reception hall and parlor. A large gift basket decorated with pink and white crepe paper was on the center table. Music and games were enjoyed. Mrs. Byron entertained with readings. Lunch was served by the hostess. A large cake, decorated with a mock bridal party, was cut by Miss Deegan. Those present were Mrs. Julia Byron, Mrs. Clara White, Mrs. Andrew Maynard, Corinne and Helen Maynard, Iva Johnson, Rita Turner, Agnes Hyland, Mrs. Clarke Cotton, Mrs. Frank Nute, Mrs. Myrtle Stevens, Marion Jackson, Nancy Garland, Mary Deegan, Mrs. A. H. Nibbett and Vera L. Nibbett.

NATIONAL CAPITAL

Notes of Interest from Washington

By J. E. Jones

THE HARDING HOBBY PARTY

Washington newspapermen and their guests got the thrills that "come once in a lifetime," at the "hobby party" arranged by them in honor of President and Mrs. Harding, Justice Day of the Supreme Court, Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador, Herbert Hoover, Major-General Lejeune of the United States Marine Corps, and Mme. Gallucci, the world's leading soprano, were on the program, and any one of them counts as a "star."

It was on the third day after President Harding had taken office, and when he arose and related a story of a "tramp printer" whom he had befriended and helped to a better place in life, he displayed a depth of feeling that revealed the tender heart which his intimates have long known he possessed. And then, following up the story, he said: "If there is somewhere a human touch that awakens disappointment into hope, that is the finest hobby in the world. If in my new responsibility I can, in understanding and sympathy and in stern devotion to country, find the touch that transforms the disappointments of yesterday into the fruition of tomorrow, then I shall have practiced the dearest hobby, to me, in the world."

As the writer of these lines sat with a thousand others, spell-bound by the feeling rendition of those plain, simple words, we all had the same thought—and the same regret that it was not possible for all the people of this great Nation to have that comprehensive understanding which the voice and manner of the man conveyed. When the President had concluded his brief speech there was not a red-blooded American in the great gathering who but hoped for bigger things from the Nation's new

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NOTICE

There is to be a meeting of the signers of the petition for a K. of P. lodge at Bethel on Saturday evening, March 19 at 7:30 o'clock. All signers are requested to be present at this meeting.

Dr. Raymond Ingalls of Berlin, N. H., was in town, Tuesday.

The town schools close this week for a three weeks' vacation.

Mrs. N. C. Machia is assisting at Maple Inn during the absence of Miss Gertrude Bailey.

Dr. E. L. Brown and Mr. Ernest Bissell went to Boston, Wednesday, to attend the auto show.

Trains on the Grand Trunk were somewhat delayed on Tuesday by a freight wreck between West Paris and Bryant's Pond.

Miss Alice Brown, who has been teaching at No. Berwick, Me., is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Clough are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, born March 11, at Mrs. Abbott's hospital.

Rev. Mr. Little was called to West Bethel last Friday to officiate at the funeral service of Miss Ada Farwell who died in Auburn, Indiana, but the body was sent on for burial in her earlier home. The service was held in the cemetery.

The opening day of the sale held by the Bethel Outlet Co. drew a large crowd of people from far and near to avail themselves of the exceptionally good bargains which were offered, and which they are still offering. The store was filled to capacity all day and the clerks were kept on the jump to wait on the eager buyers. The Company wish to express their thanks and appreciation of the patronage given them.

The following item was published in the Portland Evening Express of recent date:

"A death from what appears to be sleeping sickness occurred at the Augusta General Hospital, the victim being Miss Grace Dixon, 52 years old. Miss Dixon had long been employed at the book bindery here and lived at the home of George Day on Grove street."

Miss Dixon was well known in Bethel as she often visited in the home of her aunt, the late Mrs. L. T. Barker. Miss Dixon was a woman who always won friends by her quiet unassuming manner. Much sympathy will be felt for her sister, Miss Daisy Dixon, who lived with her aunt many years and was long employed in the Otis office.

CORPORATION MEETING

The Corporation meeting was held on Monday evening at the Corporation room with a small attendance. The old board of officers were re-elected without any opposition. The only contest was for tax collector, F. B. Hall being elected over N. E. Richardson.

The Corporation voted to give the American Legion, George A. Mandt Post, the use of the rooms over the hook and ladder room, and it was voted to raise the sum of \$500 to remodel the same.

The following is a list of the officers and the appropriations:

Moderator—E. C. Park.
Clerk—F. E. Hanscom.
1st Assessor—L. W. Ramsell.
2nd Assessor—E. M. Walker.
3rd Assessor—D. G. Brooks.
Treasurer—L. L. Carver.
Auditor—E. O. Park.

Engineers—G. B. Harlow, Roy Bennett, D. G. Brooks.

Park Commissioner—J. G. Gehring.
Tax Collector—F. B. Hall.

Rate paid Collector—.01 on the dollar.

Appropriations:—

Street lights, \$1,200
Fire Department, 300
Hydrants, 938
Miscellaneous expenses, 300
Parks, 450
Sinking fund, 300
Repairing rooms, 500

GRANGE NEWS

WEST PARIS GRANGE

The regular meeting, March 12, was held with 25 members and 2 visitors from South Paris present. Two candidates were given the first and second degrees. Literary program consisted of a roll call of the members on current events. Question for discussion, "What are the three most important questions of the time, and what are the three most important questions in the home?" Reading by Bro. W. C. Stearns, Song, "Star Spangled Banner," by Grange. Voted to accept an invitation to meet with Norway Grange, Mar. 26. There will be a special meeting March 19 for the purpose of conferring the third and fourth degrees.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE

Bear River Grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening, Mar. 12, with worthy Master Brinck in the chair. The meeting was called to order and vacant chairs were filled as follows: Overseer, Arnold James; Chaplain, G. C. Barker; A. S., Ernest Holt; L. A. S., Nellie Chapman; Pomona, Gwendolin Godwin. Minutes of last meeting were read. Grange voted to have the annual sugar out, date to be decided next meeting. See posters. The following program was given:

Music, State of Maine, My State of Maine, Recitation, Ernest Holt, Recitation, Feroi Brinck, Song with encore, Feroi and Rita Brinck, Recitation, Genie Saunders, Recitation, Gwendolin Godwin, Music, By the Gaze Band, encore, Declaration, Horace Morse. Question for discussion, Which is better, a comfortable home or money in the bank? Discussed by brothers Saunders, Bennett, Chase, Staples, Barker and Sister Barker and others. The program for next meeting was read.

Sister Una Stearns was reported ill. It was suggested the Grange send her post cards. The Grange realized \$14.53 from the dinner served by the Newry sisters town meeting day. Closed in form with 43 members present. After the meeting a pie supper was served by the brother officers.

CANTON GRANGE

Gentlemen's Day was observed at Canton Grange, Saturday, the officers' chairs being filled by the brothers. Several applications were received. Music was furnished by a male quartet. A paper on "Famous horses," was given by W. W. Rose; music; discussion, good roads and how to get them, opened by C. F. Tripp; remarks by O. M. Richardson. Grange voted to have a course of four Lyceum entertainments, commencing in the fall. O. M. Richardson was chosen a representative to appear before the committee on Education at Augusta in support of the Grange bill for distribution of the State school fund. The next meeting will be Easter day and the program arranged by the chaplain.

UNION GRANGE

Union Grange met Saturday with a large attendance. The usual business was transacted in the forenoon and four applications for membership were received. There were a number of visitors present. A fine dinner was served at noon by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Andrews and Mrs. Edna Buck. The entertainment consisted

GOULD'S ACADEMY

This week the Y. W. C. A. was led by Miss Whitman who spoke in her own beautiful way on "The Power of Influence."

The boys of the Y. M. C. A. have invited the other members of the school to a social to be held in the Grange Hall on Wednesday evening. The girls of the Y. W. C. A. are special guests. The boys have prepared a brief program and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

At the Y. W. C. A. meeting last Wednesday afternoon Miss Ella Quinn, who is Director of Young People's Work in the High Street Congregational church in Auburn, addressed the girls. Miss Quinn's talk was one of the most helpful ever given to the Y. W. C. A. Her subject was, "A Clean Record."

The Household Arts Cottage was opened to the public Wednesday, March 9, from three to five o'clock. Tea was made and served by the Household Arts girls. Mrs. E. C. Park and Mrs. F. E. Hanscom poured. The house was attractively decorated with plants and flowers given by Dr. Gehring. The Household Arts girls acted as hostesses and welcomed over one hundred guests.

On last Friday evening our boys and girls teams played the last home basketball games of the season against two fast teams representing the Berlin High School. The games resulted in a defeat for our boys but a victory for the girls. Almost the entire student body supported by a throng of townspeople that filled the old G. A. Gym to the foul lines saw two of the fastest games played here in years.

Following are the detailed scores:

BOYS' GAME

Berlin, McGivney, rf., Jackson, lf., Keenan, lf., Bockler, c., York, Snyder, lg., Hanscom, Sawin, Madan, rg., rg., Gorman. Goals: Jackson 2, Bockler, Laffin 5, Keenan 2, Snyder. Fouls: McGivney 4, Bockler 3, Jackson, McGivney 4. Score 20 to 9. Referee, Chapman.

GIRLS' GAME

Berlin, Smith, lf., Gould's lf., Hanscom lf., Enman rf., Martin c., Marshall lg., Marshall lg., Marshall rg., K. Mone, rg. Goals: Hanscom 2, Enman 2, McKelney, Fouls: Hanscom 3, Smith 1. Score 11 to 8. Referees, Hicks and Litchfield. Scorers, Rand and Rokey.

ed of a history of the Grange for the last fifty years read by Mrs. Mary Gammon, Mrs. Jennie Bonney and Mrs. Stella Robinson, interspersed with music by the choir and instrumental music by Winnie Robinson. Next meeting will be students day, March 26.

LONE MT. GRANGE

Lone Mt. Grange held its regular all day meeting in the hall, Saturday, with a baked bean and pastry dinner. After the routine business the following program was given:

Reading, Mrs. Maggie Stuart
Reading, Mrs. Evelyn Stevens
Remarks, W. W. Perkins
Reading, Eva Lovejoy
Reading, E. M. Bailey
Reading, Mrs. W. N. Akers
Music, Mrs. Minerva Swantz
Grange

A CARD

Through the columns of the Bethel paper I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all my friends who so kindly took part in the post card and letter shower which came to me last Monday, my first day out of the hospital. I appreciated and enjoyed each and every one of them to the uttermost.

Very sincerely,
MISS EDSON BARTLETT.

Cambridge, Mass.
March 14, 1921

EAST SUMMER

Friends of Miss Beryl Russell gave her a shower at the home of Mrs. Carl M. Stephens, Friday at three o'clock. There were a large number present and Miss Russell received many presents of pyrex, towels, aluminumware and many other useful gifts. Mrs. Eastman read an original poem. Ice cream and cake were served and a pleasant time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keene were recent guests at George Braden's. H. W. Cobb held an auction at his former home, Tuesday. Mr. Cobb and family will remove to Kennebunk about March 22nd. Good wishes of their many friends will follow them to their new home.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor

Morning service at 10.45.

Sunday School at 12.

Evening service at 7.

This Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Circle held a percale shower at the home of Mrs. F. L. Edwards.

Friday afternoon there will be a food sale at the store of Miss L. M. Stearns.

Last Sunday the evening service was omitted as some desired to hear the reports of the young men who attended the Boys' Conference in Portland, and some wanted to attend the illustrated lecture at the Methodist church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Pastor

Sunday, March 20 at 10.45. Public worship with Processional and Recessional. Sermon appropriate to Palm Sunday. Theme, "Jesus in the World's Pageantry."

12.00. Sunday School. Mr. N. E. Robinson superintendent.

4.00. Meeting of the Junior C. E. Society. Topic, "Why Missionaries are needed in South America." Leader, Alberta Stearns.

7.00. Cantata, "From Gethsemane to Calvary," given by the adult chorus. Offering for near East Relief.

Monday, March 21, 6.45 o'clock. Rehearsal of young people's chorus at the parsonage.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Cilley at Bethel Inn, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A. the annual meeting of the West Parish on March 8, the following officers were elected:

Moderator—A. Van Den Korckhoven.
Clerk—F. E. Hanscom.
Treasurer—F. B. Tuell.
Supt. of Buildings and Grounds—H. N. Upton.

Assessors—F. B. Tuell, Mrs. H. N. Upton, F. E. Russell.

Usher—F. B. Tuell.

Music Committee—J. H. Wight, Edwin Barker, Belle Furlington.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. O. L. Wheaton, Pastor

Morning worship at 10.45. This will be observed as Prohibition Rally Day and the work of the W. G. T. U. will be stressed. Subject, "Are We Moving?"

Sunday school at 12. A. C. Adams, superintendent.

Evening worship at 7. The pastor will give the third talk on the book of Jonah, using as a subject, "The Great City."

All welcome to these services.

At a stated meeting of the church held on Tuesday evening, March 16, Mrs. Scott Robertson was elected a lay delegate and Fred M. Wood, reserve lay delegate, to the lay electoral conference to be held at Biddeford, April 13-18.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Robertson, Thursday afternoon at 2.30.

The Madeline Parlin Society will meet Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. D. B. Holt will hold the Fourth Quarterly Conference on Tuesday evening, March 22.

On Sunday evening, March 13, as the slides illustrating the Centenary Work had not arrived, delegates who had attended the Boys' Conference at Portland gave their reports of the meetings.

These reports were of a high order and left no doubt in our minds that the boys had their eyes and ears open when they were at Portland and that considerable had stopped in their heads to be of help to them in future years. Those who went from this church were Burton Abbott, Forrest Stowell and Edwin Morrill, and we feel that it was a good investment to have them attend such a gathering because of the inspiration they received and the helpful message they brought back to us.

The Junior Missionary Society will meet at 3.30 Sunday afternoon.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

A very interesting meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held at the brick schoolhouse on Monday evening.

A large number of parents and teachers were present and enjoyed the talk given by Miss Carrie Wight. Miss Seybolt gave a description of the luncheon served by the Domestic Science girls.

It was voted to hold meetings once a month on the second Monday.

The following officers were elected: President—Mr. F. E. Russell.

1st Vice-Pres.—Mr. Achenbach.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Emma Van Den Korckhoven.

Secretary—Miss Ethel Philbrick.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Twiddle.

Educational Committee—Miss Litchfield.

School Improvement—Mr. Hanscom.

Social Com.—Mrs. F. L. Edwards.

Legislative Com.—H. H. Hastings.

Press—Mrs. Martha Kendall.

CHAPMAN CONCERT

Wednesday Afternoon, March 23, 1921

The date of the Chapman concert which is the musical event of the season is fast approaching, when Mr. Chapman will present three magnificent New York artists besides himself at the piano, Mr. Justin Lawrie, the Lewiston boy, who made such a success in the last Festival, and who has met with great success in New York and Europe the past five years will make his first appearance in our town since he left Maine a young man in his teens, whom his friends predict will be a second John McCormack in his singing of ballads and arias, together with the wonderful new find of Mr. Chapman's Mr. Fernando Guarneri, the Italian baritone from the San Carlo Opera Company. Mr. Chapman says that no baritone that he has ever brought to Maine has anything on this gentleman. A voice more like Titta Buffalo, of great power and beauty, and a wonderful personality. Also Madeleine Sokoloff, the celebrated violinist, who has few equals in the concert field if any. Tickets are on sale at Bosserman's Drug Store. Secure your seats at once. Don't forget the date.

Below we quote from the Bangor News of March 11.

EMINENT ARTISTS IN CHAPMAN CONCERT

Guarneri, Baritone; Lawrie, Tenor, and Madeleine Sokoloff, Violinist, at City Hall

The annual Chapman concert in City Hall on Thursday night delighted a large audience of music lovers. Director William R. Chapman of the Maine Music Festival has done so much for the cause of music in Maine that much is expected of his artists when he brings them here, either in concert or for the festival. Last night there was no disappointment, all that had been claimed for his performance being realized.

A decided sensation was created by the Italian Baritone, Fernando Guarneri, whose magnificent voice thrilled and charmed every person in the audience. A voice of rare quality and volume, trained by eminent teachers and used with unusual intelligence and expression is Guarneri's and a most agreeable personality contributes to his wonderful success. He was applauded to the echo and was recalled again and again. The career of Guarneri will be followed with interest by anyone who has ever had the pleasure of listening to him.

The Maine tenor, Justin Lawrie, also received a very cordial reception and voice of great range, true and of unusual roundness and fullness. He made a decided hit in his solos and in duos with Guarneri sustained his part to the fullest. His success in New York is not surprising to Maine people who have heard him at the festival and he is showing marked improvement.

The violinist, Madeleine Sokoloff, an artist of real merit, was received with every mark of favor. Her numbers were played with a finesse, a beauty of tone and a mastery of technique which were charming in the extreme. Columns might be written about these artists without exhausting the theme.

This captivating young artist, like most musical geniuses, manifested her talent very early in life, beginning her musical education at the age of five. Her preference was for the violin, and at the age of ten she won a gold medal in Dublin against competitors greatly her senior. She came under the notice of Wilhelm, the eminent violin virtuoso and pedagogue, and became his favorite pupil. While under his tutelage she made a remarkably successful tour of the British Isles as a child prodigy, playing before distinguished audiences in large musical centres.

Later she continued her studies with the great master, Hubay, in Budapest, who recognized in her an artist of such promise that he said: "She will one day astonish and delight the world." She became his favorite American pupil and through his kindly interest and inspiration, she developed amazingly. He had arranged to present her in London, Berlin, and Paris, and other large musical centres throughout Europe for the following season, but, with the outbreak of the war she was compelled to return to America.

Since coming to America she has won shattering recognition from such masters as Jacques Thibaud, Leopold Auer, Zimbalist, Victor Herbert, Leopold Stokowski, and many others. She has played with great success with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, and at the Summer concerts at the Stadium, New York. At the last mentioned she played for the first time in New York, Cecil Burrell's Second Violin Concerto, securing most favorable notices from the critics, and winning the greatest esteem and admiration for her art from the composer.

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SPECIALS

EACH WEEK

A CATECHISM OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

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Q. How many amendments have been made to the Constitution?
A. Nineteen.

Q. What is the distinctive feature of the first ten?

A. Immediately after the Constitution had been adopted it was felt that it lacked sufficient safeguards for the protection of the individual citizen. These safeguards were incorporated in the first ten amendments, which are popularly known as "the Bill of Rights."

Q. What are the important provisions of these ten amendments?

A. The first provides that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances. The second declares that the right of the people to

keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and the third protects householders from having soldiers forcibly quartered upon them in time of peace, or in time of war except in a manner prescribed by law.

Q. What other safeguards are provided?

A. The Fourth Amendment provides that the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, duly sworn to, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

WEST GREENWOOD

F. L. Edwards and the pulpwood survey were in town last week.

L. H. Bartlett of Bethel was in this vicinity, Tuesday.

William Cross attended a basketball game at Woodstock High School, Friday evening.

John Kennagh and brother, Tom, were in Lewiston on Tuesday last week.

F. L. Edwards has teams hauling birch from the community to Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeorgies of South Bethel were Sunday callers at Allister Lowe's.

Richard Hadakin returned from Lew-

iston, Wednesday.

Among the out of town callers for the past week were: Mrs. Betsey Cross, Percy Ramey, Martin Lydon, Elmer Cross, Mr. Brooks, Perry Ramey, Mr. Smith, Sherman Cummings, Edward Good, Charles James, Moses Davis and Albert Cash.

Ellsworth Wilbur has finished work for Marshall Hastings.

Miss Cummings of Ramford was a recent guest of Janet Campbell.

John Kennagh and brother, Tom, were Sunday callers at their sister's, Mrs. Perry Flanders', at Skillington.

Mrs. John Deegan and daughter returned home Sunday.

William Lombard spent the week end at Whitefield, N. H.

John Deegan and teams finished hauling pine for F. L. Edwards, Saturday.

Gertrude Harrington and Janet Campbell attended the basketball game at Gould's Academy, Friday evening.

CANTON

The remains of Charles Freeman Gammon of So. Briar, Mass., were brought to Canton, Thursday, for interment in Pine Woods Cemetery. Mr. Gammon passed away Monday. He had not been in the best of health for two years, and was taken with hemorrhages from which he suffered thirteen days, followed by a sleeping sickness of two weeks, during which time he returned to consciousness but once. Mr. Gammon was born in Mexico about 64 years ago; the second son of Cyrus and Mary Conant Gammon. His boyhood and early manhood were spent in Canton. He was twice married, his first wife being Susan Kelley and they had one child, George, who is principal of a high school in So. Boston. After her death he married Annie Sullivan, who survives, together with an adopted daughter, Lorretta. He is also survived by six brothers, George and Roswell of Livermore Falls, William and Joseph of Canton. The remains of Lewiston, Fred of Auburn, and Cyrus were accompanied to Canton by his wife and son. Others who were present at the burial from out of town were William and Fred Gammon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gammon and Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Gammon. Mr. Gammon had been a faithful employee of the N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad for the past 38 years.

Bernard L. Adams was burned quite badly Friday while blasting logs. A spark from the fuse flew into some powder which he held in his hand, causing an explosion, burning his hand severely, also his face and neck.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Witham and daughter of Mechanic Falls are stopping at Gilbertville for a week or so.

The Scandinavian Club met Tuesday with Mrs. Helen Ellis.

A. E. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs and Carrie F. Hayford attended Pomona at Buckfield.

Mrs. Pearl McGuire has submitted to an operation for appendicitis and is getting along nicely.

Sherbourne York of South Paris has been visiting in town.

Mrs. Annie T. Rose has returned home from Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hayden of Springvale are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Mar. 4th.

Mrs. J. R. Austin and daughter of Mexico were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hayes.

The remains of Ephraim Childs of Cumberland Center were brought to Canton Point, Monday, for burial. Mr. Childs was born at Canton on a farm two miles below Canton Point, his father being Ephraim Childs. He was over 90 years of age. He was twice married, his first wife being Britania Harlow, who passed away about fourteen years ago. They had one daughter, Anna, the wife of George Blanchard. After the death of his first wife and since moving from Canton he was again married. Besides his wife and daughter he is survived by seven grandsons and one granddaughter. He was formerly one of Canton's prosperous farmers and was a well known horseman.

At the triangular debating contest between Canton, Dixfield and Buckfield high schools, the Canton won at Canton and lost at Buckfield. The debate was much enjoyed by a good audience. A dance followed.

Miss Ruth Richardson, Edward Richardson and Philadore Daigle left Saturday for Boston to spend their vacation with the former's aunt, Miss Mary N. Richardson.

Prof. F. D. Tubbs of Lewiston occupied the pulpit of the Universalist church, Sunday.

Miss Mary McDowell went to Portland, Saturday, to visit her sister, Mrs. Cyrus Shaw. She will also visit in Wells.

John Kennagh and brother, Tom, were Sunday callers at their sister's, Mrs. Perry Flanders', at Skillington.

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Gertrude Harrington and Janet Campbell attended the basketball game at Gould's Academy, Friday evening.

Thomas Logan moved his family from Hastings camp on Long Mountain to his home in Albany, recently.

W. C. Cross helped Will Seames haul pine a few days of last week.

Nellie Harrington returned to her school at North Bethel, Sunday.

Frank Stevens moved the shed from his building on Howe Hill to his home at South Bethel, recently.

Orlando Buck spent the week and with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Hall, at Bethel.

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INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS

EQUITABLE FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE CO., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Assets Dec. 31, 1920	
Mortgage Loans,	\$58,600.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,253,412.38
Cash in Office and Bank,	244,747.66
Agents' Balances,	65,827.82
Interest and Rents,	41,275.96
Gross Assets,	\$3,303,363.82
Deduct items not admitted,	95,701.98
Admitted Assets,	\$3,207,661.84
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$295,258.85
Unearned Premiums,	859,375.50
All other Liabilities,	35,913.44
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,077,115.96
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$3,207,661.84

FIDELITY-PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, 80 Maiden Lane, New York

Assets Dec. 31, 1920	
Mortgage Loans,	\$489,232.16
Stocks and Bonds, (Actual Market Value Dec. 31, 1920),	22,695,646.50
Cash in Office and Bank,	2,275,648.99
Agents' Balances,	1,765,622.57
Bills Receivable,	908,377.89
Interest and Rents,	126,893.47
All other Assets,	57,895.94
Gross Assets,	\$28,218,216.52
Deduct items not admitted,	354,748.14
Admitted Assets,	\$27,863,468.38
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,958,882.22
Unearned Premiums,	16,277,638.69
All other Liabilities,	900,844.30
Cash Capital,	2,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	5,686,208.20
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$27,863,468.38

UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF LONDON, ENGLAND

Assets Dec. 31, 1920	
Mortgage Loans,	\$135,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	7,552,752.05
Cash in Office and Bank,	1,241,928.90
Agents' Balances,	1,297,234.85
Interest and Rents,	95,906.39
All other Assets,	188,060.26
Gross Assets,	\$10,455,882.05
Deduct items not admitted,	892,267.49
Admitted Assets,	\$9,563,614.56
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$806,899.00
Unearned Premiums,	\$418,651.18
All other Liabilities,	224,381.75
Cash Capital, none in the U. S., statutory deposit,	400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	2,713,852.63
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$9,563,614.56

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE CO., Ltd., of London, England

Assets Dec. 31, 1920	
Real Estate,	\$1,316,438.80
Mortgage Loans,	100,000.00
Collateral Loans,	945.00
Stocks and Bonds,	8,574,548.80
Cash in Office and Bank,	2,297,427.00
Agents' Balances,	2,225,641.67
Bills Receivable,	466.85
Interest and Rents,	112,377.05
All other Assets,	176,978.18
Gross Assets,	\$14,805,373.41
Deduct items not admitted,	520,434.75
Admitted Assets,	\$14,284,938.66
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,724,416.74
Unearned Premiums,	7,054,448.27
All other Liabilities,	359,433.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	4,546,640.65
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$14,284,938.66

THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, 508-10 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Assets Dec. 31, 1920	
Real Estate,	\$183,371.68
Mortgage Loans,	25,000.00
Collateral Loans,	2,326.77
Stocks and Bonds,	8,645,911.62
Cash in Office and Bank,	809,378.53
Agents' Balances,	1,431,089.40
Interest and Rents,	115,399.75
All other Assets,	15,299.11
Gross Assets,	\$11,227,287.87
Deduct items not admitted,	884,956.58
Admitted Assets,	\$10,342,331.29
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$754,521.92
Unearned Premiums,	6,861,704.59
All other Liabilities,	\$11,046.80
Cash Capital,	750,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	2,865,057.98
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$10,342,331.29

NATIONAL FIRE INS. CO. OF HARTFORD

Assets Dec. 31, 1920	
Real Estate,	\$707,200.00
Mortgage Loans,	1,964,825.00
Stocks and Bonds,	15,693,812.30
Cash in Office and Bank,	1,687,282.54
Agents' Balances,	2,876,192.00
Bills Receivable,	397,688.55
Interest and Rents,	225,009.07
Gross Assets,	\$27,151,709.46
Deduct items not admitted,	39,368.67
Admitted Assets,	\$27,112,320.79
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,872,176.07
Unearned Premiums,	15,693,812.30
All other Liabilities,	1,376,324.05
Cash Capital,	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	6,311,577.90
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$27,112,320.79

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SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

NORTHWEST BETHEL

After school Friday afternoon, Mar. 11, the children of Northwest Bethel gave their teacher, Miss Godwin, a very pleasing party in honor of her birthday. They organized committees in regard to all details of the affair and carried it out as a complete surprise. The entertainment began with games which were enjoyed by all. Then a beautiful cake ornamented with candles corresponding to her age with one for good luck was placed before her. Next a generous pile of presents were presented, followed by three large boxes of homemade candy and a large bag of popcorn. Everyone ate until halted by fear of consequences and finally departed homeward, expressing good wishes for a happy birthday.

LOCKE'S MILLS

A record which is not equalled by many is that of Eben Rand, who has not missed a day of school or been tardy once for ten years. He is a junior at Woodstock High.

Mr. and Mrs. Mont Abbott of Mechanic Falls visited relatives a few days last week.

Arthur Stowell was in Augusta on business for a few days.

Mrs. Donald Tebbets and Marjorie

Farwell were in Portland the week end.

Belle Chase of Auburn visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ralph King.

Mrs. Bert Woodsum of Mechanic Falls visited Friday with Mrs. C. E. Stowell.

Donald and Lester Tebbets were in North Stratford, N. H., on business last week.

King Bartlett and Gwendolyn were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed have returned home from Newry, where they have had charge of Tebbets' boarding house.

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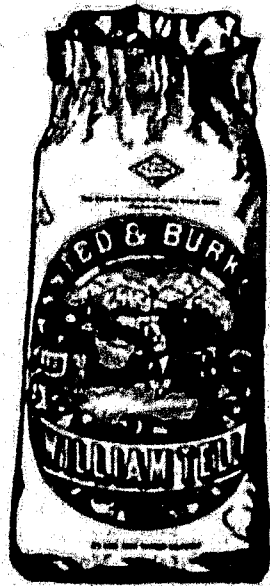
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H. P. HOLT, Mgr.

We wish to thank the people of Bethel and adjoining towns for their patronage and the interest which was shown on the opening day of our store. The store was filled to capacity all day and kept the several clerks on the run to wait upon them.

Special reduction on FURS for next Saturday, Mar. 19, from 10% to 15% below the prices marked which are now 60% below the regular price.

To those who come on the railroad a distance of 25 miles we will refund the price of their car fare, if their purchases amount to \$15.00 or over. Those who drive in by team will be given free dinner if purchases amount to \$15.00 or over.

Fat Men! Attention!

We are overstocked with outsizes of overalls and pants, Corduroy pants, sizes from 42 to 50, former price \$5.00, sale price \$2.00. We will have on sale for Saturday a line of Mens Work Gloves, Mittens, Police Suspenders, and Hose.

We also will have a complete line of Chambray Work Shirts, as well as several other different makes from 69c up.

Boys' Suits

Good quality suits in both material and make in different colors from \$6.00 to \$10.00. Neckties in all colors, \$1.50 tie for 49c.

Owing to the large sales on Saturday and the great demand for different articles, our buyer, Mr H. P. Holt has been in Portland and Boston buying for next Saturday's trade.

We will be showing new Spring Suits for ladies in the latest styles and fabrics at ridiculously low prices.

We have an excellent line of ladies silk petticoats which we will close out on Saturday for \$3.98

Cloth rubberized aprons for kitchen wear in three different colors, Sale price 98c.

Bargains for Ladies

We will be showing in our show window, a lady's winter coat, of good quality on Saturday. To the lady who guesses the nearest to the actual weight will be given the coat, contest to close at 8 p.m. Register your name and address in the book at the store at the time of guessing. All come in and join the fun.

We will be showing new articles on our hit or miss counter, including a complete assortment of 98c Kimona Aprons; also a larger line of hosiery added to the list.

Don't forget to visit our bargain counter where excellent bargains are waiting for you. The different things you find there are almost at your own price.



Beauty or Abundance?

Which is more important to the farmer, a strain that produces beautiful individual specimens or one that gives an abundant yield of consistent good quality? Do you want blue ribbons—or bushels per acre? A new way of judging farm produce is described in

The COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

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NATIONAL CAPITAL

leader than they had ever before expected.

THE PUBLIC BUSINESS

The necessity that has arisen for "putting the screws on Germany" emphasizes the responsibility of the United States Government with regard to international affairs. The new Administration has taken up the problems of establishing peace at home and abroad, and the new Congress—especially the Senate, has a man's-size job on hand. The federal budget system, which is opposed by no one, but which the same "no one" seems unable to figure out to the satisfaction of all concerned, is one of the big problems in the public business, since associated with and growing out of the budget legislation will come reorganization of the federal departments and other executive establishments. This calls for reorganization and reclassification of work and salaries for the government employees.

Border legislation, particularly as it affects ex-service men, immigration and naturalization, tariff and taxation, Europe's debt to the United States, and the economic and industrial system, are all matters that find a place in the public business.

REGULATING BUSINESS

In the moment of their deepest tribulations, the packers and the coal mining operators found islands of safety, if not actual salvation, in the support that came to them from the great business interests of the country who opposed the measures to regulate these particular interests on the ground that the result of such legislation would have a tendency to let down the bars for the regulation of all foodstuffs, clothing, building material, and the products of all industry.

Bills are pending in Congress for the regulation of cold storage, air communication, education, strikes, coal and oil, production, and for the control of exchanges handling of live stock and grain. Many regulatory measures re-

lating to food and provisions are also before the new Congress.

MEDDLING GOVERNMENT

A "wise man" remarked the other day, "Capital is friendly to the regulation of labor, and the attitude of labor toward the regulation of capital is favorable. In other words, it merely depends upon whose ox is gored." In the distant background, the caution of Lord Macaulay is interesting, since he wrote full eighty years ago: "Nothing is more galling to the people, not broken in from the birth, as a parental or, in other words, a meddling government, a government which tells them who to read and say and eat and drink and wear."

Government regulation, operation and domination, was given full swing during the war, and doubtless a good many people received benefits out of the system. Still the country massed its sentiment against continued operation of the rail and wire interests, and those measures were nullified.

LET UNCLE SAM DO IT

It is plain that the country has had a good, long taste of the fruits of government regulation, and it is equally plain that one of the big fights in this country during the present administration will wage about the problem of Government control. The country wants more roads, and the Federal government is asked to make huge appropriations and supervise expenditures; farmers find themselves in difficulties, and their representatives rush on to Washington to seek relief. Students of government watch all this anxiously, wondering how far Government can go, and will go in supervising and telling everyone how to run their business.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION

Republican leaders say that the immigration bill, which former President Wilson refused to sign, will be reenacted early in the special session, with some modifications. The three per cent limitation will likely be increased to five per cent so that not more than a certain

be permitted to land, the percentage being based upon the number of immigrants from those countries already in our country. The discrimination is intended to carry over a limited period, which will cover somewhere between one and two years.

While there has been a great deal of discussion about limiting immigration on account of its relation to Americanization methods, still it cannot escape the intelligent observer that the guiding force is more closely related to employment and unemployment in the United States.

WHO WILL DO THE "COMMON LABOR?"

At the present time there is a lot of unemployment in the country, and Congress has listened to the demands for immigration restrictions that will keep foreign labor out of the United States. Aside from the question of being "flooded" with this class of new citizens the more important issue is their competition with our own laboring classes. It was quite a different matter during the war. When there was not enough men in the country to do the labor of the mines and factories, there actually existed a strong sentiment that was voiced in the public press, favoring more immigration. The incoming foreigners were not then considered as competitors in the field of labor, and therefore there was only small objection to their admission to our shores. Today it is different. The facts go on long way towards demonstrating that the industrial situation rather than Americanization sentiment rules the situation. This may not be right—nevertheless it is not the first time that we have been reminded that "facts are stubborn things."

HONEST ADVERTISING

An honest advertising bill is likely to receive early attention in the extra session of Congress. No one has been able to positively define "honest advertising," though it has been a subject of controversy since Gutenberg inked up the first rollers used in printing. Congressman Rogers of Massachusetts has an idea that he knows a good deal about the subject, and hearings have been held on his bill. It would apply to all commodities the analogy of the pure food law to prevent misbranding.

EAST BETHEL

Schools close here Friday afternoon, March 18, with an entertainment. Mr. David Gaw of Cambridge, Mass., was last week's guest of Mr. H. E. Bartlett.

Mrs. Harold Hutchins was a guest of relatives at South Paris over the week end.

Mrs. E. W. Dutton was last week's guest of her mother, Mrs. E. E. Jackson, and other relatives at South Paris.

Mrs. Annie Stowell is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Billings, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ward, who have been spending the winter at J. H. Swan's, have returned home to Merrimac, Mass.

Mr. G. L. Haines recently moved Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proctor to the Bartlett rent on the Locke's Mills road.

The two act drama, "Mr. Bob," will be presented at Grange Hall, Friday evening, Mar. 18, followed by a social dance. Refreshments of ice cream and cake will be served.

MRS. NELLIE WOODSFORD SPEAKS TO MOTHERS

East Bethel.—At 23 Lamson St., Mrs. Nellie Woodsford and her children now "live happy and grateful" to the kind neighbor who recommended Dr. True's Elixir to them. Mrs. Woodsford says: "My bowels were out of order and my breath was bad. I had terrible headaches and it seemed I had suffered years before your Dr. True's Elixir was brought to me. After a short time I was myself again, my bowels were all right and I'm full of gratitude." "It may interest you to know also that once since my youngest child was terribly sick and it was a serious case. We all have your Elixir to thank for relieving her of stomach worms."

Dr. True's Elixir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller has done wonders for children and grown-ups since 1851. Pleasant to take, mild in action. Advertisement

ANDOVER

Edward Stuart, who has been working at Bowmantown, is at his home. The high and central schools will close Friday for a short vacation.

The young people held their whist party in the town hall, Thursday evening with nearly 75 members present. Mrs. Eva Roberts and Arthur Lang obtained the first prizes, and Iva Thurston and Lawrence Parsons the second. Refreshments of sandwiches, doughnuts, pies and coffee were served. Dancing was enjoyed later in the evening.

Jesse Glover and family visited at Sylvanus Learned's home, Sunday.

Mr. Fred Bartlett attended the joint committee meeting of the school board at Mexico, Monday.

Mrs. Gladys Howard Abbott is very ill.

Y. A. Thurston was at Upton, Monday.

Albert Allen, son of George E. Allen, was in town Sunday, having skated from the Middle Dam to the So. Arm of the Lake, a distance of 4 miles, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stuart were guests of her people, James Littlehale and family, Sunday.

There was a dance in the hall Saturday evening. Born Friday, March 4, to the wife of Virgil Cole, a daughter.

Mrs. Grace Moody of Rumford Corner is caring for Mrs. Cole.

Lee Thurston finished lumbering at Black Brook and moved his teams home Monday. He has landed over 3000 cords of wood.

George Thomas was at the Arm of the Lake, Saturday.

The speaking contest of the Andover High School was held in the Congregational church, Wednesday evening.

Those who participated were: Grace Clark, Millie Newton, Faye Dresser, Hazel Mills, Doris Ripley, Hazelle Merrill, Eleanor Sweet, Dorothy Thomas, William French, Norman Crossman, Eva Damon, Helen Damon and Della Thurston.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club was entertained Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunning and Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston at the home of C. A. Rand. Twenty members were present. The first prizes were won by Fred Bartlett and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston, each making 38 points. The second prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Thomas and Fred Smith. A baked bean, salad and pastry supper was served.

Iva Thurston was at Rumford, Saturday.

Mrs. Leon Worthley is at her home in Frye.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church held a very pleasant meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. D. Thurston.

Rheumatism Left Him As If By Magic!

Had Suffered Over 50 Years!

Now 83 Years, Yet a Big Surprise To Friends

Regains Strength Goes Out Fishing Back to Business Laughs at "URIC ACID"

How the "Inner Mysteries" Reveals Startling Facts Overlooked By Doctors and Scientists For Centuries

"I am eighty-three years old and I doctored for rheumatism ever since I came out of the army, over fifty years ago," writes J. H. Ashelman. "Like many others, I spent money freely for so-called 'cures' and I have read about 'Uric Acid' until I could almost taste it. I could not sleep at night or walk without pain; my hands were so sore and stiff I could not hold a pen. But now, as if by magic, I am again in active business and can walk with ease or write all day with comfort. Friends are surprised at the change."

HOW IT HAPPENED. Mr. Ashelman is only one of thousands who suffered for years, owing to the general belief in the old, false theory that "Uric Acid" causes rheumatism. This erroneous belief induced him and regions of unfortunate men and women to take wrong treatments. You might just as well attempt to put out a fire with oil as try to get rid of your rheumatism, neuritis and like complaints by taking treatments supposed to drive Uric Acid out of your blood and body. Many physicians and scientists now know that Uric Acid never did, never can, and never will cause rheumatism; that it is a natural and necessary constituent of the blood; that it is found in every new born babe; and that without it we could not live!

These statements may seem strange to some folks, who all along have been led to believe in the old "Uric Acid" teaching. It took Mr. Ashelman fifty years to find out the truth. He hoped to get rid of the true cause of his rheumatism, other disorders, and recover the strength from "the inner mysteries." A restorative blood now being distributed by an authority who devoted over twenty years to the scientific study of this intricate problem.

NOTE: If any reader of this paper wishes the same and cure of rheumatism, facts that were overlooked by doctors and scientists for centuries past, simply send a name card or letter to H. R. Clever, 100 N. 1st St., Detroit, Michigan, and it will be sent by return mail without any charge whatever. But act now! Don't let your friends see you suffering! Send this card to yourself and the good news to some

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South Paris, Maine

The King's Daughters meet this Thursday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Grover.

Mrs. Matthias Mooney of Rumford and children are ill with the measles. Marion Learned, who was operated on for appendicitis last week at the home of Dr. Doughty, has returned to her home.

Clarence Akers of Chelsea, Mass., is serving on the jury for the court held in Boston. Mr. Akers is the son of J. E. Akers of this town.

Jacob Hodson, who has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Bemis, has gone to Roxbury to live.

Ralph Akers and Mr. Marer are working in the spool mill.

Dr. Cole is very ill at his home in No. Andover.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. L. O. Bates very pleasantly entertained her Sunday school class Monday evening. The class has lately reorganized under the name of Plus Ultra. Games were played and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Mann entertained their school classes, numbering 23 in all, at Good Will Hall, Saturday afternoon.

There will be a public whist party at Centennial Hall, Friday evening under the auspices of Granite Chapter, O. E. S. A cafeteria lunch and entertainment were given by the missionary society of the Universalist church last Wednesday evening and proved a success. The entertainment consisted of music by the High School Orchestra; playlets: The Box Family, Hanging a Sign and The Big Little Library. The whole entertainment was a success and many compliments were paid to the High School Orchestra.

Lewis M. Mann returned Saturday from the Central Maine General Hospital after a three weeks' stay. He is somewhat improved in health.

Rev. H. H. Hathaway officiated last Tuesday at the funeral of Mrs. E. B. Davis at South Woodstock.

Miss Mildred White of Topsham is the guest of her uncle, S. T. White.

L. C. Bates was in Portland last week on a business trip.

The boys who went to the conference held in Portland last week gave very interesting talks at the union meeting at the Universalist church Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Devine and daughter, Louise, have been ill during the past week. Mrs. DeCoster of Norway, who

came to care for them, has been sick while here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tuell, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Briggs and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanborn attended the funeral last Tuesday of Mrs. E. B. Davis at South Woodstock.

Mrs. Mary Curt's is very poorly. West Paris High School basketball team played against Woodstock High School basketball team Friday night.

Edwin J. Mann was given a very pleasant birthday surprise party Friday evening. About twenty guests were present and the evening was spent playing whist. Refreshments of sherbet, punch, crackers and the customary birthday cake were served.

NORWAY

The Universalist Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson, Friday afternoon.

Lordy Spiller was in Mechanic Falls, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Doris Brown of Mechanic Falls was a guest last week for a few days of Miss Louise Ricker at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Barker.

Arthur Tucker has returned from Farmington, where he has been spending several weeks.

Thaxter, Luther and John Groves of Boston were in town last week, called here by the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. O. P. Brooks.

Miss Gertrude Trafton and Miss Edith Riddout, teachers in Cony High School at Augusta, were recent guests of Mrs. Ross Riddout.

Hon. Frank P. Washburn, the new commissioner of agriculture, was in town Saturday and spoke at the Grange.

Mr. Charles A. Reed and daughter, Helen, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schenk for a few days, have returned to their home in Reading, Mass.

The young people of the Universalist church held a very enjoyable social in Concert Hall, Friday evening.

The Methodist Missionary Society held a meeting Thursday evening, with a very interesting program consisting of music and readings.

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BETHEL, MAINE

"I Know You," He Wrote

Come

you and there's a riddle with a stove to make a very snug life and Christmas."

That evening, as master were sitting the stove in their room came a rap at the door. Judge Crocker entered.

"Mr. Blenkinsop," he held out his hand for your new plans at

know that I am very will be glad."

When the judge in top put his hand on and asked with a little to hear what he said, called me Mister. Now, fore, no sir!"

Mr. Blenkinsop sat upon his hand himself that whistled mournfully. Suddenly he said, "in!"

The door opened at threshold stood the O. It was not at all the one would have expected, indeed, a very young some self—the figure of a gentle-faced boy of about twenty, dark hair overgrown. Then he held with an imploring gesture, "know you," he

"Not yet," the young and his voice was like a chimney. "But I have that I, too, am glad."

Then he vanished.

The Prodigal Village

By Irving Bacheller

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—In the village of Bingley, a poor widow, Mrs. Blenkinsop, is the mother of a boy, Robert Emmet Moran, who is the son of a poor widow. The world is his mother, and friends, his little room, the flower garden, his crooked, and every thing he sees from his window. The painting of pictures is his enjoyment, and little Pauline Baker, a small daughter of a neighbor, the object of his boyish affection. To him, J. Patterson King, the first citizen of Bingley, is the ideal of a really great man.

CHAPTER II.—The village becomes money mad, reflecting the great world in its state of unrest. The Bingley family is a leader in the change. To them the village has become "provincial." Pauline Baker, victim of her surroundings, elopes with a stranger, and her parents are unable to trace her.

CHAPTER III.—Severe winter weather brings distress to Bingley. Spoiled by false prosperity, the citizens have failed to look ahead, and many suffer absolute privation. The Reverend Otis Singleton, one of the few in the village who seek to stem the tide of extravagance and folly, effects a reformation in Bingley, town drunkard and general "black sheep."

Blenkinsop trembled with strange excitement as he went with Mr. Singleton down the broad aisle, the dog Christmas following meekly. Min and minister knelt before the altar. Christmas sat down by his master's side, in a prayerful attitude, as if he, too, were seeking help and forgiveness.

"I feel better inside and outside," said Blenkinsop as they were leaving the church.

"When you are tempted, there are three words which may be useful to you. They are these, 'God help me,'" the minister told him. "They are quickly said and I have often found them a source of strength in time of trouble. I am going to find work for



"I know you," he whispered, "Please come in."

you and there's a room over my garage with a stove in it which will make a very snug little home for you and Christmas."

That evening, as the dog and his master were sitting comfortably by the stove in their new home, there came a rap at the door. In a moment, Judge Crocker entered the room.

"Mr. Blenkinsop," said the judge as he held out his hand, "I have heard of your new plans and I want you to

know that I am very glad. Every one will be glad."

When the judge had gone, Blenkinsop put his hand on the dog's head and asked with a little laugh: "Did you hear what he said, Christmas? He called me Mister. Never done that before, no sir!"

Mr. Blenkinsop sat with his head upon his hand listening to the wind that whistled mournfully in the chimney. Suddenly he shouted: "Come in!"

The door opened and there on the threshold stood his Old Self. It was not at all the kind of a Self one would have expected to see. It was, indeed, a very youthful and handsome Self—the figure of a clear-eyed, gentle-faced boy of about sixteen with curly, dark hair above his brows.

Mr. Blenkinsop covered his face and groaned. Then he held out his hands with an imploring gesture.

"I know you," he whispered. "Please come in."

"Not yet," the young man answered, and his voice was like the wind in the chimney. "But I have come to tell you that I, too, am glad."

Then he vanished.

Mr. Blenkinsop arose from his chair and rubbed his eyes.

"Christmas, old boy, I've been asleep," he muttered. "I guess it's time we turned in!"

CHAPTER FOUR.

In which Mr. Israel Speed and Other Working Men Receive a Lesson in True Democracy.

Next morning, Mr. Blenkinsop went to cut wood for the Widow Moran. The good woman was amazed by his highly respectable appearance.

"God help us! Ye look like a lawyer," she said.

"I'm a new man! Cut out the blacksmith shop an' the booze an' the bummers."

"May the good God love an' help ye! I heard about it."

"Ye did?"

"Sure I did. It's all over the town. Good news has a lively foot, man. The Shepherd clapped his hands when I told him. Ye got to go straight, my liddle buck. All eyes are on ye now. Come up an' see the boy. It's his birthday!"

Mr. Blenkinsop was deeply moved by the greeting of the little Shepherd, who kissed his cheek and said that he had often prayed for him.

"If you ever get lonely, come and sit with me and we'll have a talk and a game of dominoes," said the boy.

Mr. Blenkinsop got strength out of the wonderful spirit of Bob Moran and as he swung his ax that day, he was happier than he had been in many years. Men and women who passed in the street said, "How do you do, Mr. Blenkinsop? I'm glad to see you."

Even the dog Christmas watched his master with a look of pride and approval. Now and then, he barked gleefully and scampered up and down the sidewalk.

The Shepherd was fourteen years old. On his birthday, from morning until night, people came to his room bringing little gifts to remind him of their affection. No one in the village of Bingley was so much beloved.

Judge Crocker came in the evening with ice-cream and a frosted cake. While he was there, a committee of citizens sought him out to confer with him regarding conditions in Bingley.

"There's more money than ever in the place, but there never was so much misery," said the chairman of the committee.

"We have learned that money is not the thing that makes happiness," Judge Crocker began. "With every one busy at high wages, and the banks overflowing with deposits, we felt safe. We ceased to produce the necessities of life in a sufficient quantity. We forgot that all-important things are food, fuel, clothes and comfortable

Continued next week.

SOUTH PARIS

H. M. Tucker of Yarmouth was in town, Saturday.

Rev. G. Howard Newton has moved his family to Norway.

P. P. Allen has purchased the Warren French house on Skillings avenue.

Mrs. Earl Farrington of Locke's Mills was a recent guest of Mrs. Lucinda Small.

Mrs. Jane McKay was the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Ames, in Norway, last week.

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs of Bethel was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chandler.

A. E. Morse gave readings at the Methodist missionary meeting in Norway, Thursday evening.

Winfield Allen has sold his house and moved to Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Abbott of Mechanic Falls were in town a few days last week.

Sheriff Harry D. Cole was in Augusta last Thursday to attend a conference of sheriffs at the State House.

The subject of the meeting next Sunday will be, "Go, Stop."

The annual banquet of the men of the Universalist church will be held on Tuesday, April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Bird, who has been spending a week with her father, Amos A. Bird, returned to their home in Worcester, Mass., Saturday.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid will serve a supper at the vestry on Thursday evening, Mar. 17, at 6:30.

Asa Keniston is in the C. M. G. Hospital at Lewiston, where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is reported as doing well.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, who was called to Everett, Mass., by the illness and death of his stepfather, returned home Sunday morning.

Mrs. Agnes L. Morton, who has been in New York for several weeks with her son, Ralph B. Penfold, has returned home. Mr. Penfold returned to his home in Portland somewhat improved.

The next meeting of the Seneca Club will be held Monday evening, March 21. The subject of the program will be "Our Nation."

What was left of Odd Fellows' Block after the fire and water got through with it has been sold to a syndicate of ten business men and concerns of South Paris. The members of the syndicate are the Mason Manufacturing Co., A. W. Walker & Son, W. J. Wheeler & Co., Chas. H. Howard Co., Eastman & Andrews, Ripley & Fletcher Co., N. Dwyer Bolster Co., Walter L. Gray, J. H. Beaz and Alton C. Maxim.

The Odd Fellows have purchased of Oscar E. Barrows the lot on Main street where the "Hewett house" formerly stood, and on it will build a new hall, on some plan not yet decided upon.

At the adjourned meeting of the So. Paris Village Corporation meeting at Grange Hall, Tuesday evening the following officers were elected:

Clerk—Edwin N. Haskell.
1st Assessor—John S. Brown.
2nd Assessor—Carroll A. Wilson.
3rd Assessor—O. K. Clifford.
Treasurer—Charles H. Howard.
Tax Collector—Harry M. Shaw.
Chief Engineer—Charles W. Bowker.
1st Assistant—Harry I. Lovell.
2nd Assistant—L. L. Russell.
Member Water Commission—Alton Q. Wheeler.

GILEAD

Emma Sheridan of Berlin, N. H., was in town last Sunday.

Charles Whitman and Gordon Coffin have returned home from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter born Saturday, Mar. 12.

Edward Long of Berlin, N. H., was in this vicinity last Tuesday.

Mrs. Prescott Bennett and daughter, Grace, were in Bethel last Saturday.

There was a social dance at the Town Hall last Saturday evening.

John McBride has finished work at J. E. Richardson's and Henry Lary has taken his place.

James Brakeman has completed his duties at the Brown farm and returned to his home in Kansas City, Mo.

Frank Coffin of Berlin, N. H., was a recent visitor in town.

AUGUSTA, A PIONEER

Augusta is to be the pioneer city in Maine and as far as is known, in all New England, to experiment with motion pictures as feature of its educational program.

Supt. H. H. Stuart of the Augusta schools has arranged this experiment to take place in two of the eighth grades of the city, sometime next week, to determine whether or not visual education produces greater results than the present day classroom methods.

The subject chosen as particularly fitted for the experiment is that of "Bacteria." A motion picture reel on bacteria with supplementary discussion and explanation by the teacher, will be shown to one of the grades while the usual class room instruction on the same subject will be given in the other grade in which the experiment is being made.

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After the lessons, a test will be given the children to determine which group has gained the most from the lesson.

Supt. Stuart will personally conduct the lessons on bacteria in the chosen grades and announces that the Eighth Grade Smith School and Eighth Grade Farrington School have been named for the experiment.

The film on "Bacteria" which tells in picture form the story of these minute organisms, their life, size, methods of growth and the ways in which science determines their existence and harmfulness or harmlessness as the case may be, has been loaned the Augusta schools by Prof. C. R. Turner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, representing the Society for Visual Education, and the experiment has been arranged by Supt. Stuart through the cooperation of the State Department of Health.

Belief that the "movies" offer a splendid supplement to present methods of education has prompted this experiment and the results of it, here in Augusta will establish a basis for introducing visual education in other New England schools. Dr. L. D. Bristol, State Commissioner of Health, feels that the "movies" will be particularly effective in teaching sanitation and hygiene to the boys and girls of Maine.

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WEST BETHEL
Rev. J. H. Little was called here Friday by the death of Miss Ada Farwell who died in Auburn, Ind.

The schools close this week Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. J. E. Pike was visited by her niece, Mrs. Nellie Conant of Leominster, Mass., last week.

Clarence Bennett has moved from Bethel village to this place where he has a rent in G. D. Morrill's house. He is getting lumber ready to build a garage on the land where the store was burned two years ago.

Loton Hinchinson is moving to Skillington, where he has employment in J. P. Skillings' mill.

J. P. Eastman of Ashland, Mass., was calling on friends here Saturday as he was on his way to Sherbrooke, P. Q., his former home before coming to the States. He was station agent at this place for a number of years before going to Massachusetts. His wife passed away about two weeks ago with pneumonia.

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Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Mortgage Loans, \$84,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 14,973,880.18
Cash in Office and Bank, 695,316.32
Outstanding Premiums, 2,881,797.17
Agents' Balances, 773,556.61
Bills Receivable, 11,476.54
Interest and Rents, 200,338.46
Gross Assets, \$19,419,974.28
Deduct items not admitted, 2,756,580.04
Admitted Assets, \$16,663,394.24
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$7,967,031.52
Unearned Premiums, 5,403,881.90
All other Liabilities, 915,400.14
Deposit Capital, 800,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,575,820.68
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$16,663,394.24
Agents—A. E. Jones, Rumford.
3-13-21—F

INDIANA LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$55,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 401,400.00
Stocks and Bonds, 8,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 821,800.00
Agents' Balances, 51,690.00
Interest and Rents, 15,946.54
Gross Assets, \$1,452,806.54
Deduct items not admitted, 50,869.00
Admitted Assets, \$1,401,937.54
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$24,034.00
Unearned Premiums, 439,843.83
All other Liabilities, 20,410.59
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$11,949.15
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,401,937.54
3-13-21—F

HOLYOKE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, BARNSTABLE, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$97,500.00
Stocks and Bonds, 891,204.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 15,007.00
Agents' Balances, 41,645.17
Interest and Rents, 11,663.03
All other Assets, 16,049.80
Gross Assets, \$1,071,399.35
Deduct items not admitted, 89,898.78
Admitted Assets, \$981,500.57
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$7,354.45
Unearned Premiums, 424,084.84
All other Liabilities, 20,934.25
Cash Guaranty Capital, 100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 421,493.03
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$981,500.57
Agents: Rumford Falls Ins. Agency, Rumford; Wallace H. Tarbox, Fryeburg; W. J. Wheeler & Co., So. Paris.
3-13-21—R

SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$438,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 837,900.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,701,973.37
Cash in Office and Bank, 239,493.81
Agents' Balances, 680,424.97
Bills Receivable, 150,425.11
Interest and Rents, 80,747.47
All other Assets, 21,910.63
Gross Assets, \$9,109,785.73
Deduct items not admitted, 431,234.72
Admitted Assets, \$8,678,551.01
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$4,184,142.10
Unearned Premiums, 3,142,000.00
All other Liabilities, 1,000,000.00
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,452,408.91
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$8,678,551.01
3-13-21—B

CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$30,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 1,231,247.00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,525,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 207,837.17
Agents' Balances, 28,517.43
Bills Receivable, 4,888.07
Interest and Rents, 90,051.67
All other Assets, 2,482,000.00
Gross Assets, \$7,510,574.64
Deduct items not admitted, 280,861.91
Admitted Assets, \$7,229,712.73
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,032,944.37
Unearned Premiums, 3,177,072.32
All other Liabilities, 969,485.88
Cash Capital, 700,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 460,200.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,229,712.73
3-13-21—B

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INS. CO., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Mortgage Loans, \$672,050.00
Stocks and Bonds, 967,000.70
Cash in Office and Bank, 72,256.38
Agents' Balances, 390,583.43
Interest and Rents, 23,114.28
All other Assets, 101.78
Gross Assets, \$2,126,115.51
Deduct items not admitted, 40,583.98
Admitted Assets, \$2,085,531.53
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$409,314.08
Unearned Premiums, 777,079.08
All other Liabilities, 153,650.44
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 240,487.93
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,085,531.53
3-13-21—S

THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$970,300.00
Collateral Loans, 402,015.00
Stocks and Bonds, 4,231,020.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 183,405.67
Agents' Balances, 758,013.72
Interest and Rents, 94,413.17
All other Assets, 114,642.71
Gross Assets, \$7,003,915.27
Deduct items not admitted, 2,894.42
Admitted Assets, \$7,001,020.85
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$703,982.31
Unearned Premiums, \$1,311,018.44
All other Liabilities, \$1,000,000.00
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$973,355.53
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,001,020.85
Agents: Moses P. Sillies, Norway; Oxford Ins. Agency, Rumford.
3-13-21—F

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY DEPARTMENT, 650 MAIN ST., HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Mortgage Loans, \$687,450.00
Collateral Loans, 344,390.00
Stocks and Bonds, 13,481,656.50
Cash in Office and Bank, 3,305,991.74
Agents' Balances, 4,247,011.80
Bills Receivable and Suspense Accounts, 23,800.00
Interest and Rents, 343,020.90
All other Assets, 149,418,812.12
Gross Assets, \$177,639,144.97
Deduct items not admitted, 150,774.93
Admitted Assets, \$177,488,370.04
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$14,480,767.81
Unearned Premiums, 7,767,429.49
All other Liabilities, 130,660,701.94
Cash Capital, 5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 14,927,416.91
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$177,488,370.04
Agents: Merrill & Hastings, Fryeburg; Matthew McCarthy, Rumford; Rumford Falls Ins. Agency, W. J. Wheeler & Co., So. Paris.
3-13-21—F

UNITED STATES CASUALTY COMPANY, 80 Maiden Lane, New York City, New York
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$250.00
Mortgage Loans, 239,100.00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,512,449.03
Cash in Office and Bank, 234,051.21
Agents' Balances, 2,437.78
Bills Receivable, 703,066.44
Interest and Rents, 53,119.03
All other Assets, 101,073.63
Gross Assets, \$7,966,497.08
Deduct items not admitted, 684,786.59
Admitted Assets, \$7,281,710.49
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,291,190.14
Unearned Premiums, 2,455,702.76
All other Liabilities, 386,456.13
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 708,323.47
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,281,710.49
3-13-21—G

VERMONT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., MONTPELIER, VT.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$50,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 492,419.73
Agents' Balances and accrued Assessments, 261,977.68
Interest and Rents, 9,948.78
All other Assets, 5,605.87
Gross Assets, \$816,712.06
Deduct items not admitted, 91,900.94
Admitted Assets, \$724,811.12
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$17,233.15
Unearned Premiums, 237,892.26
All other Liabilities, 80,814.74
Surplus over all Liabilities, 288,864.97
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$724,811.12
3-10-31—G

ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$240,835.54
Stocks and Bonds, 4,075,827.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,224,100.00
Agents' Balances, 171,021.72
Interest and Rents, 200,178.02
All other Assets, 17,993.84
Gross Assets, \$6,219,955.12
Deduct items not admitted, 60,547.48
Admitted Assets, \$6,159,407.64
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$285,316.98
Unearned Premiums, 2,777,044.83
All other Liabilities, 1,000,000.00
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,894,086.18
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,159,407.64
3-17-31—F

THE LONDON & LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., LONDON, ENGLAND
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$300,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,215,445.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 901,941.28
Agents' Balances, 1,008,773.37
Bills Receivable, 3,619.54
Interest and Rents, 1,992.44
All other Assets, 25,135.16
Gross Assets, \$7,738,906.78
Deduct items not admitted, 83,907.01
Admitted Assets, \$7,654,999.77
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$378,749.13
Unearned Premiums, 3,878,749.13
All other Liabilities, 238,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 3,053,310.66
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,654,999.77
3-17-31—F

THE FIDELITY AND CASUALTY CO. OF NEW YORK
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$1,218,333.45
Stocks and Bonds, 20,848,503.73
Cash in Office and Bank, 755,412.60
Agents' Balances, 3,714,969.21
Interest and Rents, 11,083.80
All other Assets, 604,553.70
Gross Assets, \$27,437,356.67
Deduct items not admitted, 2,943,352.80
Admitted Assets, \$24,494,003.87
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$8,599,219.88
Unearned Premiums, 9,053,804.12
All other Liabilities, 1,479,710.64
Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,357,269.13
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$24,494,003.87
3-17-31—F

THE MASONIC PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,291,711.35
Cash in Office and Bank, 490,734.17
Interest and Rents, 21,156.02
All other Assets, 17,901.18
Gross Assets, \$1,801,502.72
Deduct items not admitted, 70,598.02
Admitted Assets, \$1,730,904.70
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$439,437.50
Unearned Premiums, 702,734.88
All other Liabilities, 100,000.00
Cash Capital, 100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,289,732.10
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,730,904.70
3-17-31—F

SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$109,128.37
Mortgage Loans, 60,850.00
Stocks and Bonds, 7,917,933.33
Cash in Office and Bank, 378,777.50
Agents' Balances, 224,723.94
Interest and Rents, 100,182.03
Gross Assets, \$8,837,412.17
Deduct items not admitted, 2,464,068.09
Admitted Assets, \$6,373,344.08
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$362,490.00
Unearned Premiums, 4,910,000.00
All other Liabilities, 138,853.63
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,272,790.84
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,373,344.08
3-17-31—F

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FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO., FITCHBURG, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$54,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 373,232.25
Cash in Office and Bank, 54,739.09
Agents' Balances, 55,012.88
Interest and Rents, 4,904.77
Reinsurance due on paid losses, 1,495.08
Gross Assets, \$543,384.42
Deduct items not admitted, Book over market value, Stocks and Bonds, 10,714.55
Admitted Assets, \$532,669.87
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$32,912.42
Unearned Premiums, 329,170.80
All other Liabilities, 16,537.87
Surplus over all Liabilities, 154,048.77
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$532,669.87
3-17-31—F

NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Mortgage Loans, \$301,900.00
Collateral Loans, 16,200.00
Stocks and Bonds, 560,499.83
Cash in Office and Bank, 114,799.10
Agents' Balances, 24,833.29
Interest and Rents, 15,074.40
All other Assets, 86,746.09
Gross Assets, \$1,119,512.81
Deduct items not admitted, 102,400.90
Admitted Assets, \$1,017,111.91
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$181,044.81
Unearned Premiums, 403,498.98
All other Liabilities, 80,169.79
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 172,508.25
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,017,111.91
3-17-31—G

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$44,400.00
Mortgage Loans, 508,453.74
Collateral Loans, 3,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 8,624,435.34
Cash in Office and Bank, 926,333.76
Agents' Balances, 1,371,480.19
Bills Receivable, 128,760.88
Interest and Rents, 22,003.37
All other Assets, 949,802.40
Gross Assets, \$12,589,730.37
Deduct items not admitted, 20,198.40
Admitted Assets, \$12,569,531.97
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,184,300.00
Unearned Premiums, \$6,882,773.30
All other Liabilities, 223,812.64
Cash Capital, 1,400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,878,546.97
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,569,531.97
3-17-31—G

HARTFORD LIVE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Stocks and Bonds, \$710,595.22
Cash in Office and Bank, 395,230.08
Agents' Balances, 217,074.04
Interest and Rents, 8,734.04
All other Assets, 17,454.36
Gross Assets, \$1,435,109.33
Deduct items not admitted, 48,277.57
Admitted Assets, \$1,386,831.76
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$86,004.80
Unearned Premiums, 801,332.23
All other Liabilities, 60,045.72
Cash Capital, 600,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 429,539.01
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,386,831.76
3-17-31—G

THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$129,776.05
Mortgage Loans, 3,599.00
Stocks and Bonds, 4,824,172.50
Cash in Office and Bank, 352,952.81
Agents' Balances, 963,410.33
Interest and Rents, 78,457.13
Gross Assets, \$6,347,276.23
Deduct items not admitted, 57,900.15
Admitted Assets, \$6,289,376.08
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$343,319.00
Unearned Premiums, \$343,319.00
All other Liabilities, 1,170,583.70
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,075,320.81
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,347,276.08
3-17-31—G

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY CO., 700 MAIN ST., HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Mortgage Loans, \$332,999.07
Stocks and Bonds, 5,991,246.65
Cash in Office and Bank, 643,613.10
Agents' Balances, 1,312,300.63
Interest and Rents, 70,080.35
All other Assets, 338.88
Gross Assets, \$8,459,167.60
Deduct items not admitted, 57,900.15
Admitted Assets, \$8,401,267.45
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$863,170.93
Unearned Premiums, 4,066,459.43
All other Liabilities, 510,430.57
Cash Capital, 1,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 820,990.10
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$8,401,267.45
3-17-31—G

GENERAL ACCIDENT, FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED, OF PERTH, SCOTLAND
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$234,718.31
Stocks and Bonds, 6,154,100.72
Cash in Office and Bank, 391,815.19
Bills Receivable, 1,729,867.81
Interest and Rents, 50,917.74
All other Assets, 131,340.80
Gross Assets, \$7,721,760.74
Deduct items not admitted, 884,438.51
Admitted Assets, \$6,837,322.23
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,833,101.34
Unearned Premiums, 2,575,861.32
All other Liabilities, 625,920.61
Cash Capital, 250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 653,143.73
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,837,322.23
3-17-31—G

SKILLINGTON
Mr. Elias Robinson has moved back to his home.
Mr. Mike Vashaw is moving to his farm which he purchased at Walker's Mills.
Mrs. Grace Robinson stepped on a nail which has caused her quite a lot of pain. Her foot is better at this writing. Jesse Vashaw has been quite sick but is on the gain now.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Griffin visited at Frank Chapman's, Sunday, and called on friends at Swan's Corner.

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The Following are a few of the Companies Represented by
STUART W. GOODWIN
Insurance Agency, NORWAY, ME.

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$2,208,378.75
Mortgage Loans, 744,500.00
Collateral Loans, 95,500.00
Stocks and Bonds, 41,013,843.03
Cash in Office and Bank, 5,214,180.76
Agents' Balances, 7,320,347.63
Bills Receivable, 400,928.50
Interest and Rents, 459,329.32
All other Assets, 259,082.01
Gross Assets, \$58,470,366.49
Deduct items not admitted, 3,853,408.14
Admitted Assets, \$54,616,958.35
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$4,444,321.46
Unearned Premiums, 30,484,338.36
All other Liabilities, 3,540,000.00
Cash Capital, 4,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 13,156,948.85
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$54,616,958.35
Stuart W. Goodwin, Agent, Norway, Me.

THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON GLOBE INSURANCE CO., LTD., UNITED STATES BRANCH, 80 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK CITY
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$542,043.73
Mortgage Loans, 1,530,025.00
Collateral Loans, 3,022.50
Stocks and Bonds, 12,935,074.45
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,755,777.34
Agents' Balances, 3,779,421.83
Bills Receivable, 2,836.48
Interest and Rents, 153,105.57
All other Assets, 485,476.40
Gross Assets, \$21,187,982.80
Deduct items not admitted, 1,589,087.46
Admitted Assets, \$19,598,895.34
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,953,455.59
Unearned Premiums, 12,069,001.41
All other Liabilities, 1,029,375.31
Surplus over all Liabilities, 4,547,062.53
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$19,598,895.34
3-17-31—G

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE & MARINE INS. CO., BOSTON, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,071,371.93
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,599,573.73
Agents' Balances, 121,947.51
Interest and Rents, 1,899.74
All other Assets, 14,809.13
Gross Assets, \$1,384,115.14
Deduct items not admitted, 139,556.71
Admitted Assets, \$1,244,558.43
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1920
Net Unpaid Losses, \$294,754.16
Unearned Premiums, 75,358.63
All other Liabilities, 600,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 326,445.58
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,244,558.43
Stuart W. Goodwin, Agent, Norway, Me.
3-17-31—G

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Assets Dec. 31, 1920
Real Estate, \$60,127,361.85
Mortgage Loans, 48,270,726.41
Collateral Loans, 604,800.00
Stocks and Bonds, 102,364,458.33
Cash in Office and Bank, 6,657,193.31
Agents' Balances, 1,661,818.11

GOV. BAXTER'S MESSAGE
TO STATE LEGISLATUREUrges That Body to Practice Strict
Economy—Bills Now Presented
Total \$40,000,000.

The Constitution of our State under Act V, Section 9, provides, that the Governor "shall from time to time give the Legislature information of the condition of the State, and recommend to their consideration such measures, as he may judge expedient." Acting under this constitutional authority, I come before you with certain suggestions which may be of assistance to you in determining the financial policy of our State for the ensuing fiscal period of 2½ years. At the outset I desire you to understand that I am fully aware of the division of power between the legislative and executive branches of government, and assure you that my brief service as an executive has not deluded my appreciation of legislative prerogatives, acquired after long service in both Senate and House.

You members of the Senate and House have the power to raise money as well as the power to spend it. Fundamentally the financial structure of our State is of your making, and you can build it either upon rock or upon sand. The Executive, by the exercise of the veto power can disapprove the passage of a law, but he has not the power to initiate law, and his assent or dissent can be exercised only after you have taken positive action. Upon you gentlemen of the Legislature rests the responsibility for the funds that come into, and that are taken out of the Public Treasury.

The financial condition of the State of Maine was sound when we took control on January 5th last; it is for us to keep it sound as long as we hold these positions of trust conferred upon us by the people.

The bills and resolves already presented to the Legislature call for a greater expenditure of public money than was ever asked for in the history of the State, and it is estimated that if all these become law, our appropriation bills would total \$40,000,000. The State spent \$2,423,502.02 in 1920, and \$13,344,936.25 in 1921, but the property, from which the money was taken in the form of taxes, has not increased in equal proportion. State taxes have risen during that period from 2.5 mills to 7.50 mills, and if our people are to be given relief from this ever-increasing burden, that relief must come from this Legislature. Today I ask you to practice strict economy and to sacrifice some of the measures in which each and all of you are interested.

The report of the Budget Committee which has been before you since the opening of the session has proven of great value in the discussion of State finances. The items which make up that report are the foundation and plans upon and by which we shall erect our completed financial structure. If it were not for this report we should be without the plans of the architect, and it is as the building progresses it becomes necessary to alter certain details of these plans, our doing so does not detract from their value.

The State's income for the calendar year 1920 was \$3,045,870.60; the estimated income to be received for the 18 months period from January 1921 to June 1922, according to the schedule submitted herewith is, \$11,276,324.84. The first item shows the income for a period of 12 months while the second is for 18 months. The proposed change in the fiscal period and in the due date of certain corporate taxes, produces a situation that makes comparisons difficult.

Of necessity it is difficult to estimate in advance the State's income. The Budget Committee has expressed the opinion that the taxes of railroads, express, parlor car, telephone and telephone companies will be \$778,245.84 greater for the 12 months period from June 30, 1921, to June 30, 1922, than it was for the calendar year 1920. If a temporary business depression causes a decrease in railroad earnings, the taxes accruing to the State from these earnings may not equal the Budget estimates, and it will not be prudent to base expenditures on this somewhat fluctuating source of revenue. The increase in the State's income comes from two sources: first, from an increase in the valuation of the real and personal property of the State; second, from an increase in the excise of franchise taxes. The first is usually referred to as direct taxation, and the second indirect. The State tax of 6 mills produced a revenue of \$2,130,486.07 in 1917, while in 1920 the 7½ mills produced a revenue of \$4,188,344.76. These figures show an increase from direct taxation in that period of 117.858.63. The increase of the cash expenditures of the State from 1917 to 1920 was out of all proportion to the increased income received by the State from direct taxation during the same period, as the cash expenditures in 1917 were \$7,796,254.07 while in 1920 they were \$13,344,936.25. In other words the State's income from direct taxation in 1920 was 33 7/10 per cent more than in 1917, while the cash expenditures of the State in 1920 were 71 per cent more than those of 1917. Had it not been for the marked increase in the State's revenue of \$4,188,344.76 from direct taxation during this period, the \$5,488,681.18 increased expenditure could not have been met by the State.

It is of practical importance to distinguish between direct and indirect taxation, although the division line

cannot always be drawn between them. In general it can be said that taxation levied upon persons or property is direct taxation, while that levied upon industrial processes or franchises, or duties levied upon certain classes of property with the expectation that the burden of this taxation will be distributed in such a manner that those who actually pay the tax will not feel its burden, is indirect taxation. The practical advantages of indirect taxation are the ease with which it is collected, and the fact that its collection creates a minimum of opposition on the part of the tax-payer, who often does not realize that he pays the tax in the price of the articles purchased. Indirect taxes are likely to encourage wasteful administration, since the governing authorities who levy them do not come in direct contact with the people who pay them, and as a consequence are not held to such strict account for their expenditure.

Bonded Indebtedness
In the past few years there has been a marked increase in the bonded indebtedness of the State. On December 31, 1917, the State bonded indebtedness was \$2,629,900.00; in 1920 this was \$8,902,900.00, an increase of \$6,273,000.00 or 238%. Highway bonds issued since 1913 amount to \$5,218,500.00 of which \$385,000 have been paid. The total amount of interest which the State must pay on these bonds between the dates of issue and maturity is \$4,162,460. In other words the State will pay \$1.79 principal and interest, for every dollar it received from the sale of Highway bonds. A similar situation exists with the \$1,000,000 issue of War Loan Bonds, on which the State must pay \$1.61 for every dollar received, while on the Soldiers' Bonus bonds the State must pay \$1.30 for every dollar received.

From these figures you will realize that the State should proceed slowly in the issuing of bonds, for which future Legislatures must provide interest and principal payments. Sometimes when a large expenditure of money is under discussion in the legislative halls it is suggested, as an easy way out of the problem, that bonds be issued. The State should be careful about issuing bonds as about levying taxes. Bonds place the burden upon the shoulders of those who succeed us, and we should be careful about increasing their burdens for they will face problems no less acute than ours.

Legislatures of the past often have assumed that a small annual increase in the state tax rate would be unnoticed by the tax-payer, who has been led along by easy stages not realizing that his load gradually was becoming more than he should be called upon to bear. This constant increase in taxes has produced an ever increasing revenue, and in consequence the State's activities have steadily widened. I am convinced that this Legislature should inaugurate the policy of tax reduction, and that appropriations be so reduced that the 7½ mill rate of 1920 can be made 4½ mills for the 18 months from January 1921 to July 1922, and 5½ mills from July 1922 to July 1923—a total of 10 mills for the 2½ year fiscal period; or an average of 4 mills per year as against the yearly average of 7 3/8 mills for 1919 and 1920. In this 10 mills are included 2 mills for the State's War Bonus bond obligations. The State can accomplish this by reducing its expenses just as an individual or a corporation would do under the same circumstances. From such figures as are available I believe the State can safely count upon an income of \$19,621,418.51 for the fiscal period of 30 months from January 1921 to June 30, 1923, and on this basis our expenditures must be based.

This reduction in taxes imposed by the State should immediately be reflected in a lessening of the burdens of municipal taxation. If the State government retrenches in its expenditures, city and town governments may be expected to follow its example, for State taxes, with the War Bonus included, will be 2.975 mills per year less than in 1919 and 1920 and municipalities will no longer have a high State tax as an excuse for their own extravagances. If the War Bonus tax is deducted, your average tax rate will be 4½% of the 1919-1920 rate.

I am submitting to you a list of proposed appropriations but in doing so do not wish my position to be misunderstood. This list is a suggestion and demonstrates what can be done if you really mean to practice reasonable economy. I am convinced, if you adopt it that the affairs of the State can be properly taken care of, that all departments can be operated on an efficient and satisfactory basis, and that State institutions will not suffer by reason of a reduction in some of their appropriations. You will notice that some of the appropriations suggested by me are smaller than the recommendations in the Budget, but many small savings make a large total. The appropriations for State institutions as recommended in the Budget report are based on the high peak of prices, and it is generally conceded that a considerable reduction in prices is likely to occur during the next 2½ years. Should this prove to be so our State institutions can be operated at a saving without their efficiency being interfered with.

It would be confusing to discuss the details of each department in this message but in the schedule submitted herewith you will find five columns of figures; the first showing the appropriations for the calendar year 1920, the second the amount actually expended during that year, and the last three columns give the

suggested appropriations for the three fiscal periods beginning January 1921 and ending June 1923. With the assistance of our State Auditor I have been able to obtain a comprehensive insight into the affairs of these departments, and now bring to your attention certain instances where a considerable saving can be made.

Adjutant General's Department. In the Adjutant General's Department under "Military Fund" a lump sum appropriation of \$100,000 per year is asked for. The National Guard Act passed by Congress requires the State of Maine to provide a National Guard of 4800 officers and men. Even with the aid that is received from the Federal Government, and although I doubt the need of having a Guard of this size in time of peace, it is necessary for the State to do its best to meet this requirement. The National Guard Act may be changed later by Congress and the military obligation of States of small population reduced. The Federal Government is to distribute a large amount of surplus war material which, although of a doubtful value must be cared for by the States receiving it. The State of Maine has reason to be proud of the record of its National Guard, but our people do not feel the need of a great military establishment because they know that the men who responded in 1917 and 1918 will do so again should the call be sounded. This \$100,000 item is a blanket estimate, and may be reduced after the Adjutant General has prepared a detailed statement giving the actual number of men to be cared for and the expense of the same.

Military Report. Under the same department there is an item of \$50,000 to cover the printing of the military report for the war period. It is proposed to publish the records not only of the 30,000 men who went into the army and navy from this State, but also of the men who registered under the Draft Law and who never were in the army or navy. The plan is to print from four to six volumes, each volume containing about 1,000 pages, and there are to be from 25,000 to 30,000 sets of these volumes. The total number of volumes would be from 100,000 to 180,000 and under the present state printing contract each volume will cost approximately \$2.00. The \$50,000 Budget item would only begin the work. In my opinion the State should prepare an adequate record of the men and of the military units in actual service, but its publication may well be delayed until a new printing contract is made, or until it is definitely known what the total cost will be.

State Institutions. In providing for the maintenance of the various State institutions the items of the Budget, which are based upon the 1920 prices, are adopted. I am of the opinion that these items can be reduced during the coming period and I urge the necessity of strict economy upon the part of the Trustees of these institutions. If the Departments of State in this Capital are required to practice economy and to do as good or better work upon less money, the same should be expected of the State's institutions.

No changes are recommended in the amounts suggested for State Aid Institutions, Hospitals, Children's Homes, Academies and Institutions, as the Budget report covers these items in a satisfactory manner. With the gradual reduction of war prices the private institutions that receive State aid doubtless will effect economies in their maintenance, and this will be relieved from the strain imposed upon them during the past few years.

University of Maine. The University of Maine received from the State \$170,000 per year for the past two years and at present, according to the figures given me by the President of that institution, has a deficit of \$214,000.

The University of Maine is an institution in which our people take pride. But I believe that the State should not be called upon to assume this deficit, and have suggested to the President of the University that its loyal alumni be appealed to for the purpose of raising a fund so that the institution may no longer be handicapped by debt. Other educational institutions have wiped out their debts in this manner with marked success.

The Budget recommends an appropriation of \$775,000 for maintenance for the fiscal period which is to be \$150,000 more than has been appropriated in the past for a similar period. With price reduction already commenced I believe the work of the University will not be hampered if the State's appropriation is reduced from \$775,000 to \$500,000 and whatever is done, there should be imposed upon the University authorities the need of strict economy and of living within their income. Inasmuch as the methods of bookkeeping in vogue at Orono do not meet the requirements of modern accounting it would be well to have a representative of the State Auditor's office attached to the University.

Special Appropriations. The Budget has recommended Special Appropriations to the amount of \$238,000. I am of the opinion that at the present time the State should forego the construction of the two Nurses' Homes at the Augusta and Bangor State Hospitals, although their construction at some future date would be desirable. This delay will not lessen the good work of these institutions.

The Budget recommends that \$250,000 be spent for new construction at the Maine State Prison. I understand this is to provide for two double dormitories each of the capacity of 150 inmates, a boiler house, laundry and dining room. A survey of the feeble-minded of the State discloses and estimated total of 1,200 feeble-minded persons who some time should be confined in State institutions. This survey not being based on actual personal examination of these unfortunate, may show more numbers than are actually eligible for confinement. From this total of 1,200, 385 now can be cared for at Pownall, 200 are now cared for in other institutions, and if the State builds one new double dormitory for 150 inmates, 735 feeble-minded persons will then be under State care. A double dormitory will cost \$150,000, the boiler house and laundry will cost \$50,000 more, and if \$50,000 is appropriated for increased dining room capacity a total appropriation of \$350,000 will be needed. During the next two years an accurate examination can be made to determine just how many feeble-minded persons should be placed under State care, and after that is done the Legislature of 1923 will know whether or not it is desirable to proceed with the construction of additional dormitories. I am aware of the necessity of providing for these defective wards of the State, but doubt the wisdom of making such immediate and extensive enlargements as are recommended in the Budget. If this suggestion is adopted you will have increased the capacity of this institution 25% which is all that could reasonably be expected of you at one session. If provision is made for the confinement of 735 feeble-minded persons out of a possible maximum of 1,200, a step in advance will have been taken and we shall not have laid out a program beyond our present resources.

The building of a Superintendent's cottage at the Central Maine Sanatorium can be dispensed with and the recommended expenditure of \$100,000 at the State Reformatory for Men, being based upon a lump sum estimate, if reduced to \$50,000 will be ample for new construction at that institution.

Under the item State Reformatory for Women it is suggested that \$55,000 be appropriated for new buildings; \$15,000 being for the construction of an iron fence, and \$20,000 for a new cottage. For the present I would eliminate these items, and also would not advise the construction of a new school house costing \$25,000 at the State School for Boys.

The building of a dormitory for women at the University of Maine, to cost \$45,000 is not of vital importance and it is desirable that the University straighten out its financial affairs before additional buildings are erected there by the State.

By accepting these recommendations you will save on these Special Appropriations \$540,000.

Salaries. The question of increased salaries is for you to determine after due consideration. The salaries paid by the State of Maine are modest, and those of certain State officials and heads of departments are not adequate for the services rendered. The successful administration of the State's affairs depends largely upon the conscientious work of these faithful men, and the State after training them in the public service can ill afford to lose them. Funds are not available for a general increase of salaries but some attempt to equalize them should be undertaken. The total annual amount required to do this would not be large and I recommend this problem to you for your thoughtful discussion. As this question is pending before you and as its present status is somewhat involved, I have refrained from suggesting changes in the Budget items.

Mount Katahdin Park. In my inaugural Address of February 9th, I advocated the establishment of the Mount Katahdin State Park, and when a member of the Senate introduced a bill calling for an appropriation of \$100,000 for that purpose. This park in my opinion will prove of incalculable benefit to the State of Maine, it will prove a wise investment and will be more than self-sustaining. The financial condition of the State at the present time, however, will not warrant the expenditure of this sum of money, which, however, would mean an increase of but 1/13 of a mill in the State tax. If I ask you gentlemen to sacrifice some of the projects you consider of importance to the State I should be prepared to do likewise. I propose a plan whereby at this session you can establish the principal of this park without increasing the Budget recommendations.

The Budget calls for an appropriation for acquiring wild lands which will immediately produce a substantial increase in the State's revenue. One-half of this increased revenue can be used for the purchase of park land and there will be no increase in the rate of taxation. The Budget in another item recommends that \$25,000 be appropriated for "The Purchase of Land and for General Forestry Purposes." A resolve similar to this has been passed by several preceding Legislatures but the money never has been used for the "purchase" of land as was originally contemplated. If one-half of this appropriation also is set aside for the Mount Katahdin Park no increase in the Budget need be made. If you adopt these two suggestions, sufficient funds will be forthcoming to establish the park and this Legislature will always be remembered for its far-sighted action. Katahdin Park will be for Maine what the Yosemite is for California.

At the hearing on this bill before the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation it was suggested that one of the great timberland-owning paper companies might make a

gift to the State of a certain amount of land in Mt. Katahdin township, insofar as I have heard this suggestion was indefinite, having been brought to my attention through the newspaper accounts of the hearing. This paper company owns an undivided 3/8 interest in Mt. Katahdin township, and if it should seriously consider giving a portion of this 3/8 interest to the State such portions of the township as contain timber or pulpwood would probably be reserved from the gift. It is to be regretted that this great company, which itself has been given rights of untold value in the water resources of Maine should oppose this park. It is generally understood that this opposition does not come from a desire on the part of this company to save the State of Maine from the expense of a park, but that it seeks to prevent the State from exercising its sovereign right of Eminent Domain. The legislative agents of this company have decreed that this Legislature shall not establish a park, for to do so the State must use its power to take land for public purposes. It should be remembered, however, that the very company which opposes this bill has repeatedly been given by the State rights of Eminent Domain which have been exercised by that company for private gain and not for public uses, and it is unfortunate that an attempt to dominate the Maine Legislature should be made by the representatives of this powerful corporation. I have often thought that perhaps these legislative agents do not always represent to their principals the true situation on this and similar public matters. I respect those individuals who honestly believe it inexpedient that this park be established at the present time, but no one should be allowed to deny the State's right of Eminent Domain, and least of all those who have to their own great profit begun given this right by the State itself.

The Budget has divided the coming period of 2½ years into one of 6 months, and 2 periods of one year each. I believe it will be more convenient if the 2½ years are divided into two periods, the first for 18 months and the second for 12 months, and the summary of income and expenses submitted herewith are in this form.

All departments of State except that of Adjutant General and State Land Agent and Forest Commissioner are under the supervision of the Governor and Council, and their accounts pass through the Auditor's office. In my opinion it would be for the interest of the State if these departments were brought in line with the others.

In looking over the appropriations and actual expenses of the various State departments for the years 1919 and 1920 it appears that over-drafts were made amounting to \$1,517,927.82, and the Governor and Council were

called upon to make provision to meet these over-drafts out of the Contingent Fund. Shortly after assuming the office of Chief Executive I invited the heads of departments to a conference and impressed upon them the fact that the Legislature, not the Governor and Council, was the appropriating body, and I explained that hereafter each department must plan to live within the income provided for it by the Legislature. The Governor and Council cannot assume the responsibility of enlarging legislative appropriations, and the Contingent Fund should be drawn upon in case of real emergency only.

The amount of cash on hand March 1st in the State Treasury was \$3,937,223.26. This money is deposited in the various banks and trust companies of the State and the State receives interest on its daily balances.

If the affairs of this State are conducted upon the somewhat reduced appropriations of the accompanying schedule the estimated income to the State, less these appropriations, will produce a balance of \$182,826.64 for the period ending June 1922, and \$78,991.49 for the period ending June 1923. Such a balance is not in excess of what is required as a safe margin for the State's business affairs. Out of this balance will come certain appropriations which have already been passed by you, such as the \$10,000 appropriation for the widow of our late Governor, but you will need to exercise great care in passing other appropriations for once the door is opened there will be a flood of resolves pouring in upon you. If this Legislature makes appropriations in excess of \$19,558,600.38 or if it passes laws whereby the State's income is less than \$19,621,418.51 the State tax rate must be raised to meet this increase in expense or decrease in income. Contingencies may arise and there should at all times be maintained in the State Treasury a working balance so that the State's affairs be not hampered. If this Legislature will present to the people of the State a financial program along the lines suggested in this message you will save \$1,275,506.42 from the Budget figures and I believe that the people of the State will approve your work and will understand that you have made an honest effort to inaugurate a period of reasonable retrenchment and true economy.

The details of the financial program are submitted herewith and when printed will enable you to understand each item of income and expense. In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the work of the Budget Committee of which State Auditor Roy L. Wardwell and Representative Frank H. Holley are the only members connected with the State government. This work has been done with untiring tact and has proved of real service to this Legislature.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, 1921, 1922 AND 1923		
Appropriation recommended for six months, January 1, 1921 to June 30, 1921		\$3,025,006.70
Appropriation recommended for year July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922		\$8,069,099.50
		\$11,094,106.20

Estimated indirect revenue Jan. 1, 1921 to June 30, 1921, as estimated by the Budget Committee	\$1,061,650.00	
Tax on Express Companies, parlor and sleeping car companies, railroad companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, as estimated by Budget Committee	2,282,800.00	
Lands in unincorporated places if 4½ mill tax is levied on estimated valuation of \$66,783,418.00	300,525.38	
Budget estimated on indirect revenue for period of July 1, 1921, to June 30, 1922	4,762,050.00	
State tax on estimated State valuation of \$637,753,213.00, if rate is fixed at 4½ mills	2,869,889.40	11,276,324.84
Estimated revenue over amount recommended		\$182,826.64
Appropriation recommended for year July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923		\$8,204,494.18
Budget Committee's estimate of indirect revenue	\$4,812,023.00	
Increase of valuation on wild lands 5½ mills State tax on estimated valuation of \$637,753,213.00 if rate is fixed at 5½ mills	24,760.00	
Estimated revenue over amount recommended	3,567,642.67	\$344,485.67
		\$149,991.49

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS				
	1920	1921	1922	1923
Adjutant General's Department	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Attorney General's Department	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Bank Commissioner's Department	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Board of Prison Commissioners	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Board of State Assessors	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Commissioner of Agriculture	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Commissioners of Uniform Legislation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
County Attorneys	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Department of Labor Industry	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Directors of Port of Portland	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Executive Department	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Forest and Game Commission	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
General Prisoners' Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Insurance Commissioner's Department	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Land Agent & Forest Commissioner	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Legislative Department	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Live Stock Sanitary Commission	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Maine State Library	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Maine Water Power Commission	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Prisoners' Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Prothonotary of Maine	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Public Utilities Commission	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Rail and River Fisheries	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Secretary of State	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Board of Chancery and Conveyances	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Board of Health	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Board of Probation and Parole	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Board of Supervisors	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Department of Public Schools	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Department of Water	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Hospital	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Prison	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Reformatory for Men	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State Reformatory for Women	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State School for Boys	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
State School for Girls	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
University of Maine	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20
State Aid Institutions, Hospitals, Children's Homes, etc.	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20
State and Federal Institutions, etc.	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20
Grand Total	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20	\$1,014,106.20

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WALL PAPER—I am ready to take orders for wall paper and have a good line of samples from which to choose. Millard Clough, Bethel, Maine. 3-10

NOTICE—A red Durham yearling heifer has been at my farm in North Newry since last November. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. Ole Olson, North Newry, Me. 3-10-21-p

FOR SALE—Excelsior Twin motorcycle with side car, complete with runners for winter and wheels for summer. Has been used one season and was completely overhauled about a month ago. Two new tires and third one in extra shape. \$275.000 takes the whole rig. Terms to reliable party. L. E. Davis, North Newry, Me. 3-10-21

FOR SALE—Pure Blood Rhode Island Red eggs. 75 cents per setting of 13 eggs. Mrs. B. W. Kimball, Bethel, Me.

FOR SALE—Ten tons of No. 1 quality English hay, pressed. Inquire of E. P. Brown, Bethel, Me. 3-17

FOR SALE—Red Durham cow, due to freshen April 6. Inquire of Millard Clough, Bethel, Me. 3-17

RUMFORD

Charles Davis Howard and wife announce the engagement of their daughter, Eathermy Lucetta, to Anthony G. Thurston. The date of the wedding has not as yet been set.

H. O. Porter of Porter's Shoe Store has opened a branch store at Augusta, and James Altice, former manager of the local theatre in this town, is manager.

There will be a dance at Municipal Hall on Thursday evening of this week, St. Patrick's Day, with music by McLane's "Eight Jazz Generators." This is to be the first of a series of dances to be given by this orchestra during the season. Miss Gladys Austin is to be the soloist.

The display of the products of the Mt. Zion Water Company, as well as a model of a proposed new building house and plant, in the window of the Rumford Drug Company, has created considerable interest in the goods of late. The Mount Zion water has been on the market for the past sixty years, and has a big distribution, particularly in Massachusetts. The company has recently been reorganized, and plans are now being made to enlarge the business.

A private dancing party will be given at the Charles Levin Hall on Thursday evening of this week, gotten up mostly by the younger set of the town.

Students in the Thurston district and at Rumford Corner were resumed on Monday of this week. These schools were necessarily closed on account of no way to cross the river, and the pupils attended, throughout the winter, in other districts. The ice in the river is breaking up, and ferry service can now be resumed.

Moyd Macomber, who was injured while at his work for James Kerr, is as well as can be expected at the McCarty Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Perrault has purchased the interests of Mrs. Oliver Pettengill in the millinery business of Pettengill

& Perrault. The name of the business will remain as in the past.

The house of David Hayes has been under quarantine, his little daughter Marion, being ill with the measles.

Mrs. Fred E. Dunham of Knox street is in Boston, a two weeks' guest of her son, Rand A. Dunham, of the Harvard Medical School.

Miss Evelyn Melcher of the West has been visiting her father, Mr. R. L. Melcher of Pine street. On March 17 Miss Melcher sails from New York on the steamer Cretic for Spain, where she will study the Spanish language, making her headquarters in Madrid, in the home of a friend.

The Ladies' Hebrew Charitable Society of this town have sent \$25 to New York to buy flour for the poor at Easter time. The next meeting of this society will be held on the first Tuesday in April, with Mrs. Grant on Waldo street.

At the present time there are fifty babies enrolled on the cradle roll at the Virginia Sunday school.

Percy Skilling, son of Mrs. A. H. Ruggles of Main avenue, who has been very ill with diphtheria in Pennsylvania, is now improving.

The eight pound girl who arrived March 1, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cullen, nee Lucile Bartlett, has been named Marie Bartlett Cullen.

At the Rumford Baptist church the boys of the church recently held a social at which \$40 was realized, which helped defray the expenses of the boys from that church who went to the Boys' Conference in Portland.

Arthur Frew is detained from school for awhile on account of his health. Measles are quite prevalent throughout the town, among those who have become victims of the disease being the Hinds children, and the Houston children.

A contest is on at the Baptist Sunday School to increase membership in the men's and women's classes, taught respectively by Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins. The losing side are to give a banquet to the winning side.

The Baptist Sunday school has sent a sunshine box to Miss Lilla Carl, who is in a hospital in Calais, recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Miss Carl who is an employee in the office of the Maine Coated Paper Company is making a splendid gain.

On Thursday evening of this week an entertainment will be given at the High School building, when a moving picture machine will be operated, showing several interesting reels of pictures. The principals of the several schools in town are considering the purchase of a picture machine for use in the schools.

There has been a great need for something in this line for a long time, and while at Atlantic City Superintendent Williams had an opportunity to make a thorough investigation of several makes now on the market, and decided on the United Projector and Film Company machine as the nearest to what was wanted here. It is noninflammable, and easily carried from one school to another. No booth is required, and the reels cost no more than victrola records. The price of the machine is \$250.00, and is to be paid for by a series of entertainments showing pictures along an educational line as well as entertaining pictures.

The ladies of the Baptist Aid Society who served a dinner in K. of P. Hall on town meeting day cleared between \$75 and \$80.

Mr. E. L. Cowan of Portland, formerly proprietor of the drug store now occupied by E. B. Bowers, has purchased a house in Portland, and with his wife and little son will make their future home in that city.

Leon H. Shea, a student at the Northeastern University, Boston, is at home for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleon S. Osgood of Franklin street left on Monday of this week for the south, where they will visit Mrs. Richard Darby (Miss Florence McKee) in Atlanta, Georgia, and their daughter, Mrs. B. Gould McIntire in Georgetown, S. C. Mr. Osgood will be away for about three weeks, but Mrs. Osgood expects to remain until into May.

William Waldo, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Greife of Franklin street, who was about two months of age, died on Monday morning of this week. The child has been quite seriously ill for several days past, and has never been very well since his birth. It was placed in the Pettengill tomb on Tuesday. Mr. Lowe of the Methodist church accompanying the remains, with the family, and making a short prayer at the grave. No funeral services were held.

A survey of the bridges affected by the measure, based on the 1907 report

One section of the Bates College In-scholastic debate took place on Friday evening last in Municipal Hall between Portland High and Rumford High on the question, "Resolved, that the Federal Government should adopt the same policy toward Chinese and Japanese as applied to European immigrants." Rumford having the affirmative and Portland the negative side of the question. The judges were Judge A. E. Stearns of Rumford, chairman; W. G. Mallett, Principal of Farmington Normal School; Frederick Dyer, Esq., County Attorney; and Alton C. Parker, Principal of Norway High School, who decided that Portland High were the winners, Moses Huberman being the best speaker. The boys of the Rumford team were Tracy Pullman, Gerald O'Neil, and Fletcher Shea as alternates; those of the Portland team were Theodore Markson, Moses Huberman, and Lewis Weinstein as alternates. That same evening the negative team of Rumford High debated Edward Little High at Auburn, where Edward Little won out, but Donovan Jenkins of the Rumford High was decided to be the best speaker.

The mill of the International Paper Company at Rumford started up on Tuesday of this week after a shut down of a week.

WEST PERU AND DICKVALE
Miss Josephine Roberts of Mexico was a guest of B. J. Roberts and family the past week.

Mrs. Addie Jordan of West Peru, who has been working for Mrs. H. E. Rafuse, returned to her home last Saturday.

Mrs. G. B. Gordon was in Rumford last Saturday.

Miss Verna Philbrick of Frye is working for Mrs. H. E. Rafuse.

Tapping trees seems to be in line with some of the farmers and the sap runs fairly good.

Miss Verna Philbrick visited at West Peru village the first of the week.

SONGO POND
Miss Lilla Morse of Hanover, a student at Gould's, was a week end guest of Miss Ceila Kimball at Songo Lake Cottage.

Mrs. Carlton Saunders and two children and Miss Edith Wilbur were guests of Mrs. Ula Parsons at the Haggood farm, Sunday.

Miss Marion Parsons was a guest of Miss Florence Coburn at Bethel for the week end.

Roy Good was in North Waterford, Sunday.

IS A BRIDGE PART OF ROAD?

PROBLEM FACING LEGISLATURE
Bill Introduced by Senator Emery Would Establish Principle of State Control

Is a bridge a part of the highway? Is it, or is it not? There is a difference of opinion. The ways and bridges committee of the Legislature, and in their wake, the Highway Commission, say it is not,—that "ways" or "ways" and "bridges" are "bridges," and that the two are entirely separate and distinct propositions. But some lawyers say that there is no legal distinction between the two, and that if anyone took the trouble to force the issue in court, the State might be made to take over all bridges on such highways as are already under the control of the State.

And now comes a bill into the Legislature, introduced by Senator Emery of Washington, which establishes the principle of State control by providing the State shall take over for maintenance all bridges that are a part of any main road, and that are over 600 feet in length. Should this bill go through, and it is developing some strong support, it may settle the question, for it is claimed that if bridges over 600 feet in length are taken over, the limit will be dropped each year until eventually the State will assume responsibility for all bridges that are of any considerable length, and not obviously and exclusively municipal or local in use.

"All bridges over 600 feet,"—why 600, instead of 500, or 400, or 300? Principally, according to the proponent of the measure, in order to try the plan out with a limited number of bridges, and to set a precedent for gradual transfers; secondarily, because bridges over 600 feet in length are the hardest and costliest to maintain, and thereby constitute the most acute problem for the municipal pallies which are now responsible for them.

A survey of the bridges affected by the measure, based on the 1907 report

of the highway commission, shows that there are 17 in all, over 600 feet in length, within our State limit—in detail they are—the two Auburn bridges, and on each at Bangor, Brewer, Belfast, Bucksport-Vernon, East Machias-Machiasport, Eastport-Perry, Edgcomb-Wiscasset, Enfield-Howland, Falmouth-Portland, Portland-South Portland, Gardiner-Randolph, Kittery, Norridgewock, Lovell, Trenton-Mt. Desert, and York.

The policy of State control and indeed of State ownership is not a new one so far as these bridges are concerned. The Kittery bridge is entirely a State bridge, and the State has had much to do also with the construction of the Machiasport, Portland-South Portland, and Mt. Desert bridges. Five of the bridges enumerated have for years been conceded to be, in fact, State propositions. These are the Norridgewock bridge, which was released from the hands of a toll company by a State appropriation and has since benefited by State maintenance; the Eastport-Perry bridge, which was freed from toll in the same manner as that at Norridgewock, and has practically been maintained by the State since—the State has paid for repairing a break made in this bridge by the unprecedented ice floes of 1918. Then there is the Edgcomb-Wiscasset bridge, which has been to a very large degree maintained by the State since 1913; the Gardiner-Randolph bridge, which has been aided since 1909; the Enfield-Howland bridge, which has been maintained mostly by the State since 1909, and the Vernon-Bucksport bridge, which has been in reality a State bridge since 1913.

In all these cases State Aid was rendered because it had to be, if the bridges were not to be allowed to go down. With the exception of the Vernon and Lovell bridges, they are all on State or State-aid roads, and the traffic on them has increased so greatly in range, in weight, in speed and in amount, that the towns concerned simply could not keep them in a safe condition. In the old days when traffic was local, and the heaviest load was a ton of hay; when piling could be had for a dollar or two a stick and plank cost \$8 or \$10 per thousand feet at the neighborhood mill; and when skilled labor asked nothing better than \$2.50 per day, heard then. The towns built their bridges and maintained them as a matter of course for the travel was light; the cost was light and the maintenance almost nothing. But these times are other times, and conditions are not the same as they were 20 years ago.

And so, the proponents of the Emery bill say that we might as well recognize in law what is and has for six or seven years been an admitted fact. Indeed, they assert it would be better to take these bridges over, because repairs could then be made as, and when needed, without waiting for legislative action, and made by skilled engineers, instead of by local road superintendents; materials could be purchased at wholesale and the cost would really be less than it is at the present time.

Of the bridges included in the measure, a number are new,—these are the Belfast, Mt. Desert, Portland and Kittery bridges; and on several, such as the Brewer and Auburn bridges the maintenance would be comparatively light, since these bridges are now in excellent condition.

The passage of the bill would certainly lighten the burdens of the ways and bridges committee, which has \$200,000 for this class of ways and bridges, and demands for nearly six times that sum. This group of bridges is calling for more than \$60,000 out of the \$200,000 and the repairing of bridges is a thing that cannot be postponed. Every dollar for a bridge is one loss for a road. If the bridges are taken care of by a special appropriation so much more is left for the country roads. Of the \$60,000 referred to the largest item is, of course, for the Wiscasset bridge, which needs \$48,000 this year, and should have assistance for it is used by nearly all the through coast

traffic, which is very heavy in the summer. The adjoining towns are not financially able to pay the bill. The big question, however, is, where is the appropriation called for in this bridge bill to come from?

In response to this inquiry, it is said it should come by general taxation the same as the Kittery appropriation, and the Madawaska appropriation is coming. And at that, it is claimed, the cost of maintenance of these bridges for a year should not exceed the cost of a couple or three miles of the trunk line roadways. This may be an "economy" Legislature, but economy may sometimes be unwise, it is declared, and the proponents of the bill say the State does not want to scribble on so vital a matter in our system of highways.

There are those who believe that the present system of providing for third class roads, as well as bridges, by special appropriation, is all wrong from the standpoint of clean government as well as of logic and efficiency. The road and bridge fund, they say, is the official "pork barrel" that keeps the boys in line. The idea is that nearly every legislator must get a road or bridge appropriation for the folks back home, and if he isn't a good man he doesn't get his appropriation. In other words it is a case of "There ain't no core."

The Emery bill is one of the significant measures of the present session, and a great many people are watching its fortunes with deepening interest.

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